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India tops Group 2 with emphatic win

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

A packed Melbourne Cricket Ground witnessed an Indian triumph on Sunday. India's 71-run victory over Zimbabwe sealed a semifinal berth for the Men in Blue in the ICC Twenty20 World Cup.

A fortnight after the thriller against Pakistan, Rohit Sharma's men were back at the same venue but saddled with a bigger task of entering the last-four stage. After South Africa's exit and Pakistan's semifinal entry, India was assured of its semifinal spot but topping the league is always a confidence-booster.

Suryakumar Yadav (61 n.o.) and R. Ashwin (three for 22) shone as India's 186 for five proved steep for Zimbabwe, which finished with 115. Having topped Group 2, India will take on England in Thursday's semifinal at Adelaide.

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TRS wins Munugode, BJP bags Adampur in bypolls

Results on expected lines; saffron party retains three seats; Congress pushed to the third slot in high-voltage Telangana contest; RJD keeps Mokama seat in first polls after Bihar realignment

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP won four of the seven Assembly byelections held in six States on Thursday, as the results were declared on Sunday.

The party lost to the Telangana Rashtra Samithi in Munugode of Telangana, but managed to get over 39% of the votes, pushing the Congress to the third position.

The other constituencies that went to the polls were Mokama and Gopalganj in Bihar, Andheri East in Maharashtra, Adampur in Haryana, Gola Gokarannath in Uttar Pradesh, and Dhamnagar in Odisha.

Of the four seats the BJP won, three were already held by the party. The only new addition was Adampur in Haryana, where Bhavya Bishnoi, grandson of former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal, emerged victorious. The byelection was held here as his father, Kuldeep Bishnoi, defected from the Congress to the BJP. The Bhajan Lal family has never lost an election here since 1966. The high-voltage campaign was pitted as a battle between Congress satrap Bhupinder Singh Hooda and the Bishnois. The Aam Aadmi Party got less than 3% of the votes. In Bihar, Rashtriya Janata Dal retained Mokama and the BJP Gopalganj.

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Bypoll battle

The table shows the results of seven Assembly constituencies that went to the polls on November 3. The BJP won four seats

State Legislative Assembly byelection results

State	Constituency	Winning party
Bihar	Gopalganj	BJP
Bihar	Mokama	RJD
Haryana	Adampur	BJP
Maharashtra	Andheri East	Shiv Sena (Uddhav)
Odisha	Dhamnagar	BJP
Telangana	Munugode	TRS
Uttar Pradesh	Gola Gokarannath	BJP

Flashing victory: BJP candidate Kusum Devi after winning the Gopalganj seat. PTI

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Kharge calls for unity in party

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President of AICC Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday urged his party leaders in Karnataka to bury their differences and work towards bringing the Congress back to power. » Page 7

Four more floors at Majestic station

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To boost its non-fare box revenue, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is contemplating building four more floors above the operational Kempegowda Majestic interchange metro station. » Page 2

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Delhi HC accepts report of NLSIU professor on copyright infringement

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The Delhi High Court has accepted on record a report submitted by Arul Scaria, associate professor of law and LLM Chair at National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, that held the use of music or audio recordings during marriage ceremonies as not a copyright infringement. This clears the air over an area of law that has been ambiguous. There has been a constant tussle between copyright owners and event management companies about the payment of royalties to play music at weddings.

One such suit where a copyright collective engaged in business of issuance of licenses of songs for performance or communication had filed a case against an event management company which provides DJ services at weddings, had come up before the Delhi High Court.

'Use of music or audio recordings during marriage ceremonies not a copyright infringement'

The plaintiff had filed the case against the company as they had argued that they were exempted under Section 52 (1) (za) of the Copyright Act of 1957, from taking any licence to play the sound recordings which belonged to the collective.

As the case had many far-reaching implications, Justice Pratibha M. Singh had appointed Dr. Scaria as an expert to prepare a comprehensive report on the issue. In his report, he informed the court that "the use of music as part of marriage ceremonies and any festivities associated with marriage is one of such instances wherein the court may have to engage in a broad reading of the provision for the wider social benefit, thereby striking a proper balance between the rights of copyright owners and the rights of the users/society in using those works."

Section 52 (1) (za) states that the use of certain copyrighted works for official ceremonies and bona fide religious ceremonies is not an act of copyright infringement. It also provides an explanation that "religious ceremonies" includes marriage processions and any festivities associated with marriage. Dr. Scaria, further says, "So this provision (Sec. 52(1) (za)] has enormous significance on that front. Any attempt to extort money during such events is a misuse of the copyright law".

However, Dr. Scaria also said that the public, artists and other stakeholders should be aware that if the copyrighted work is used in any public performances where it cannot be shown that the usage is covered under the exceptions provided by Section 52(1) (za), then generally, it means that permission or license, need to be taken from the copyright holders who own the work.

Dangerous

People, including children, were forced to use the yet-to-be completed skywalk, near Mehkri circle off Palace Grounds in Bengaluru owing to the huge traffic jam because of the Congress convention on Sunday. K. MURALI KUMAR

BBMP plans foreign trips for heads of schools and colleges if results are 100%

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

In a unique initiative, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) plans to send its headmasters and principals, who make sure that their schools and colleges get 100 per cent results in SSLC and PU exams, on foreign trips.

According to BBMP, this initiative will be under Corporate Social Responsibility to encourage quality education in its 164 schools and colleges in the city. Special Commissioner, Education Department, Ram Prasath Manohar, said the civic body was preparing a report on the initiative and it would soon be submitted to the BBMP Commissioner for approval.

In 2022, BBMP schools registered a pass percentage of 71.27 in SSLC examination. FILE PHOTO

"Our teachers in BBMP schools are doing a great job; however we have to encourage them to get good results in the examination. This initiative will help teachers to improve BBMP schools and colleges and raise them above other schools, especially private schools in terms of quality education," Mr. Manohar said.

BBMP schools registered 71.27 pass percentage in the SSLC examination in 2022.

These schools secured 50.16 per cent in 2020 and 52 per cent in 2019. In 2021, all students passed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the last academic year, PU colleges of BBMP registered 66 per cent results in the exam.

On the initiative, a BBMP school teacher from Tasker Town here said: "Corporation schools are the lifeline of the poor who want quality education for free. Now, the BBMP decision to send teachers on foreign trips if the results are 100% will make sure that the performance of schools will increase."

In September, the civic body started 10 tuition centres for children from underprivileged backgrounds in the city under the 'Vidyarthi Belaku Adhyayana Kendra', with the help of NGOs where teachers will help children with tuition, supplement their learning skills and also help them do homework.

Three farmers electrocuted on a farm in T. Narsipur

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Three farmers working in a field were electrocuted when they came in contact with a live wire in Nilasoge village in T. Narsipur taluk of Mysuru district on Sunday.

The tragedy unfolded when the farmers were sprinkling pesticides and came in contact with a wire which had snapped.

The victims were identified as Rachegowda, Harish and Mahadevaswamy. A pall of gloom had enveloped the village.

Meanwhile, Jayavibhavaswamy, MD of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), said it was not a high-tension wire but an LT cable supplying power to irrigation pump sets.

An internal inquiry will be ordered to ascertain if there was any negligence on part of the field officers.

Compensation

Mr. Jayavibhavaswamy said power is supplied to Irrigation Pump sets from 4 a.m. to 11 a.m. for farmers and the three were in the field around the same time. "As per the information I have received, Rachegowda saw a snapped wire and tried to physically remove it but was electrocuted. When Harish saw his father scream, he rushed towards him only to come in contact with the wire and be electrocuted. Mahadevaswamy, too, rushed to the scene but met with the same tragic fate,"said the CESC MD.

The CESC holds an awareness drive once in three months urging villages not to handle electrical wires and this is the first time that three persons have died in a single accident, said Mr. Jayavibhavaswamy.

The CESC has offered ₹5 lakh each for the families of the victims.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Currency usage still robust even six years after demonetisation

30.88 In ₹ lakh crore, the currency with the public as of October 21 which is 71.84% higher than the level for the fortnight ended November 4, 2016, illustrating that cash usage is still robust even six years after demonetisation. Cash usage has been rising, even as digital alternatives for payments have become very popular. PTI

Past eight years likely to be warmest on record: WMO report

1.15 degree Celsius, by which the global mean temperature in 2022 is above the pre-industrial (1850-1900) average. This makes the eight years from 2015 the warmest on record, according to the World Meteorological Organisation report. The rate of sea level rise has also doubled since 1993 and has risen by nearly 10 mm to a new record high this year. PTI

Bharat Biotech's Covaxin doses set to expire early next year

50 In million, the number of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin doses set to expire early next year as there are no takers. Due to a lack of product demand, the production stoppage of Covaxin was initiated by Bharat Biotech earlier this year, even though the vaccine maker had established manufacturing to reach an annualised capacity of one billion doses at the end of 2021. PTI

Punjab records a rise in stubble burning events on November 5

16 The percentage by which the number of paddy stubble burning incidents rose to 2,817 in Punjab on November 5 over the previous day. Between September 15 and November 5 this year, a total of 29,400 stubble-burning events were detected in Punjab alone, followed by 2,530 events in Haryana, 2,246 in Madhya Pradesh, 927 in U.P., 587 in Rajasthan and nine in Delhi. PTI

SBI beats RIL to become the most profitable company

14,752 In ₹ crore, the consolidated net income of the State Bank of India in the second quarter of FY23 as it beats Reliance Industries to become the country's most profitable corporate. The Mukesh Ambani firm which remained the most profitable corporate for decades took a hit of ₹4,039 crore in windfall tax this quarter. PTI

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The Uniform Civil Code

What were the Constituent Assembly debates about the UCC? What were the different arguments? Is uniformity even desirable for a nation that is as diverse as India? How have Courts looked upon the implementation of the UCC?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

Ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections, Gujarat on October 29 joined the list of BJP-ruled States that have called for implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi along with Union Minister Parshottam Rupala announced that the State will constitute a committee headed by a retired High Court judge to evaluate all aspects for implementing the UCC.

'Uniform' diversity: Large number of men and women from various Muslim organisations in a protest against the Uniform Civil Code in 2016. FILE PHOTO

What did the Constituent Assembly say about the UCC?

Article 44 contained in part IV of the Constitution says that the state "shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India". While there is no draft or model document yet for the UCC, the framers of the Constitution envisioned that it would be a uniform set of laws that would replace the distinct personal laws of each religion with regard to matters like marriage, divorce, adoption, and inheritance. Part IV of the Constitution outlines the Directive Principles of State Policy, which, while not enforceable or justiciable in a court of law, are fundamental to the country's governance.

The clause on UCC generated substantial debate in the Constituent Assembly about whether it should be included as a fundamental right or a directive principle. The matter had to be settled by vote; with a majority of 5:4, wherein the sub-committee on fundamental rights headed by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel decided that securing a UCC was not within the scope of fundamental rights.

Members of the Assembly took starkly contrasting stances on the UCC. Some also felt that India was too diverse a country for the UCC. Member Naziruddin Ahmad from Bengal argued that certain civil laws in all communities were "inseparably connected with religious beliefs and practices". He felt the UCC would come in the way of Article 19 of the draft Constitution (now Article 25) which guarantees the right to freedom of religion subject to public order, morality, and health. While he was not against the idea of a uniform civil law, he argued that the time for that had not yet come, adding that the process had to be gradual and not without the consent of the concerned communities.

Member K.M. Munshi however, rejected the notion that a UCC would be against the freedom of religion as the Constitution allowed the government to make laws covering secular activities related to religious practices if they were intended for social reform. He advocated for the UCC, stating benefits such as promoting the unity of the nation and equality for women. He said that if personal laws of inheritance, succession and so on were seen as a part of religion, then many discriminatory practices of the Hindu personal law against women could not be eliminated.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar had more of an ambivalent stance toward the UCC. He felt that while desirable, the UCC should remain "purely voluntary" in the initial stages. He stated that the Article "merely" proposed that the state shall endeavour to secure a UCC, which means it would not impose it on all citizens. The amendments to protect personal laws from the UCC were eventually rejected.

What are the various arguments around the UCC?

It has been argued that while India does have uniformity in most criminal and civil matters like the Criminal Procedure Code, Civil Procedure Code, and the Contract Act, States have made over 100 amendments to the CrPC and IPC, as well as several amendments to civil laws. For instance, BJP-ruled States reduced the fines prescribed and justified by the Centre under the amended Motor Vehicles Act. Another example could be that the law of anticipatory bail differs from one State to another.

Experts thus argue that if there is plurality in already codified civil and criminal laws, how can the concept of 'one nation, one law' be applied to diverse personal laws of various communities? Besides, constitutional law experts argue that perhaps the framers did not intend total uniformity, which is why personal laws were placed in entry 5 of the Concurrent List, with the power to legislate being given to Parliament and State Assemblies.

Looking at the codified personal laws of various communities in India – all Hindus are not governed by a homogenous personal law even after the enactment of the Hindu Code Bill, neither are Muslims and Christians under their personal laws. Even at the time of drafting the Hindu Code Bill, several of its provisions actually sought to locate the complex links between the importance of inheritance, succession rights and the right to divorce. But facing staunch opposition from conservative quarters, it was amended, diluted, and watered down multiple times to finally be separated into four different Acts – the Hindu Marriage Act, the Hindu Succession Act, the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, and the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act – in the 1950s.

Constitutional law scholar Faizan Mustafa notes that while marriages amongst close relatives are prohibited by the Hindu Marriage Act of 1955, they are considered auspicious in the south of India. Even the Hindu Succession Act of 1956 made several compromises and could not make the daughter a coparcener till 2005. Wives are still not coparceners nor do they have an equal share in inheritance. Similarly, there is still no uniform applicability when it comes to the Muslim personal law or the Shariat Act that was passed in 1937. For instance, the Shariat Act is not applicable in Jammu and Kashmir and Muslims continue to be governed by customary law which is at variance with the Muslim personal law in the rest of the country. The applicability also varies for certain sects of Muslims. Besides, many tribal groups in the country, regardless of their religion, follow their own customary laws

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While the Supreme Court in 2019 hailed Goa as a "shining example" of an Indian State which has a functioning UCC, experts point out that the ground reality in Goa is more complex and that the Code has legal pluralities. The Goa Civil Code was given by the Portuguese in 1867; it permits a certain form of polygamy for Hindus while the Shariat Act for Muslims has not been extended to Goa with Muslims of the State being governed by Portuguese law as well as Shastric Hindu law. The Code gives certain concessions to Catholics as well. Catholics need not register their marriages and Catholic priests can dissolve marriages performed in church.

Meanwhile, the BJP's 2019 manifesto as well as the Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's UCC committee proposal argue that the uniform code would be formed by taking the best practices of various religions and tailoring them for modern times. Researchers say this would essentially mean picking up certain Muslim practices and applying them to the Hindu community (or vice-versa), and question whether there would not be any opposition to the same.

What has the Supreme Court said about the UCC?

The Supreme Court in various judgements has called for the implementation of the UCC. In its *Mohd. Ahmed Khan vs Shah Bano Begum* judgement of 1985, where a divorced Muslim woman demanded maintenance from her former husband, the apex court while deciding whether to give prevalence to the CrPc or the Muslim personal law, called for the implementation of the UCC.

The Court also called on the government to implement the UCC in the 1995 *Sarla Mudgal* judgement as well as in the *Paulo Coutinho vs Maria Luiza Valentina Pereira* case (2019).

What has the Law Commission said?

The Modi government in 2016 requested the Law Commission of India to determine how to form a code in the presence of "thousands of personal laws" in the country. In 2018, the Law Commission submitted a 185-page consultation paper on the reform of family law. The paper stated that a unified nation did not necessarily need "uniformity", adding that secularism could not contradict the plurality prevalent in the country. In fact, the term "secularism" had meaning only if it assured the expression of any form of difference, the Commission noted. While saying that a UCC "is neither necessary nor desirable at this stage", the report recommended that discriminatory practices, prejudices and stereotypes within a particular religion and its personal laws should be studied and amended. The Commission suggested certain measures in marriage and divorce that should be uniformly accepted in the personal laws of all religions. Some of these amendments include fixing the marriageable age for boys and girls at 18 years so that they are married as equals, making adultery a ground for divorce for men and women and simplifying the divorce procedure. It also called for the abolition of the Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) as a tax-exempted entity.

What is the government's stance?

While the UCC is a long-time poll promise of the BJP, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said in Parliament this year that the government currently had no plans to set up a panel to implement the UCC and requested the 22nd Law Commission of India to undertake an examination of various issues relating to the same. The chairperson and members of said Law Commission, which was set up in 2021, have not yet been appointed.

THE GIST

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BMRCL plans four more floors above Majestic station

Project likely to be under public-private partnership, and the newly constructed areas are likely to be used for office space, malls, theatres, or for other commercial purposes.

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

To boost its non-fare box revenue, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is contemplating building four more floors above the operational Kempegowda Majestic interchange metro station.

The agency, which is running 55 km of metro lines in the city, is planning to take up the project under public-private partnership.

The newly-constructed areas are likely to be used for office space, malls, theatres, or for other commercial purposes.

The Majestic metro station has been operational since 2017. K. MURALI KUMAR

MD of BMRCL Anjum Parwez told *The Hindu* that an agency has been entrusted with the work of studying feasibility of real estate development. "While building the metro interchange station at Majestic, provisions were made for future expansion. We are planning to take up the project under the PPP model to generate non-fare box revenue.

Majestic being a transport and commercial hub, there will be a huge potential for exploiting non-fare box revenue".

The Majestic station is spread over seven acres of land. Metro officials say over a lakh people are using the station for interchanging the metro from the Green Line to the Purple Line.

Patronage to the metro is likely to increase further as the BMRCL is all set to open the extended Purple Line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield. The Majestic station has been operational since 2017. When the station was opened, it was touted to be one of the largest metro stations in Asia.

After the outbreak of the pandemic, like other metros, Namma Metro too suffered a huge revenue loss. The BMRCL generated ₹420 crore fare box and non-box revenue in 2019-20, which plummeted to ₹86.99 crore in 2020-21, owing to the non-operation of metro trains.

Owing to lesser footfall, people who rented commercial space at Metro stations, running eateries, and other commercial establishments, also suffered losses without business, forcing many to shut shop.

In the last financial year, owing to partial operations of metro trains, BMRCL managed to generate ₹207 crore revenue. In the current financial year, Namma Metro is on the recovery path as ridership has touched 5 lakh mark per day.

Meanwhile, the BMRCL is also exploring the possibilities of exploiting real estate opportunities at various stations. The MD said that the BMRCL is contemplating building a multi-storied parking lot near K.R. Puram metro. It is also planning to use the space available at Mysuru Road station and other areas for real estate development.

In 2017, the BMRCL entered a long-term lease with IKEA for land available near Nagasandra station. IKEA has paid a non-refundable upfront fee of ₹251 crore. Besides, BMRCL is generating income of ₹2 crore from IKEA. The land was leased for 60 years.

Ongoing work dulls business at Gandhi Bazaar

BIZ PLACE CHAOS

Navya M.S. and Bharath Gowda B.R.
BENGALURU

Gandhi Bazaar, which is said to have a history of almost 125 years, has always been known for its distinct charm. In a growing city, there are still lakhs of people who visit the shopping streets there for its unique shopping experience.

However, due to the ongoing white-topping work on the main road, during this year's Deepavali, traders were disappointed with the business, as the footfall drastically dropped. The Gandhi Bazaar Main Road has been dug up on both sides, leading to shoppers managing a dangerous balancing act over the mound of debris and dirt, especially during rain.

Development works at Gandhi Bazaar are creating problems for shopkeepers and motorists. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Those commuting by vehicles from Ramakrishna Ashrama Circle towards Krishna Rao Park face a lot of inconvenience owing to frequent traffic snarls.

"There has been a 50% reduction of walk-in customers in the past month. When it rains, potential customers stay away because they do not want to wade through puddles and this is a huge loss for the business," said Deepa, who runs a store on the street.

Street vendors, who depend on the sales they conduct on the road for their livelihood, have also been affected by the ongoing work as the footpaths are gone. "More than half of the earthen lamps which I had brought this year to sell here, have remained unsold, pushing me into a loss," said Sarojamma, a street vendor.

Many local residents and traders are against the idea of white-topping and call it unnecessary. "In Gandhi Bazaar, there are trees which are over 75 years old, due to which the water table is maintained very well. This white-topping work will harm those trees too. Gandhi Bazaar is a reflection of old Bengaluru. It is not that we are against modernisation, but instead of spending money on white-topping, they could provide us the right civic amenities, which includes a complex for street vendors, toilet facilities, a creche, and other such useful things," said N.S. Mukunda of Bengaluru Praja Vedike.

He added that multiple meetings with the local MLA as well as the MP were not fruitful as they all went back on their assurances of not taking up the project.

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Raman Research Institute to celebrate Platinum Jubilee Year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Raman Research Institute (RRI) will be celebrating its Platinum Jubilee Year starting from Monday.

"The RRI, founded by Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman in 1948, is entering its 75th year of promoting research in Physics under contemporary research themes," said the institute.

According to RRI, Mr. Raman founded the institute to continue his studies and do basic research after he retired from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Apart from serving as the institute director, he also carried on his personal research until his death in 1970.

Mr. Raman set up the institute on a plot of land gifted to him by the then government of Mysore. He personally funded RRI along with donations from private sources.

Following the death of the Nobel Laureate, the Indian Science Academy, which was also founded by Mr. Raman, created a public charitable trust, the Raman Research Institute Trust.

A file photo of the Raman Research Institute at Sadashivanagar.

The RRI is now an autonomous institute engaged in research in Basic Sciences. The main areas of research at the institute are Astronomy and Astrophysics, Light and Matter Physics, Soft Condensed Matter, and Theoretical Physics.

The institute has been funded by the Union Department of Science & Technology since 1971.

"The doyen of Indian Science, Mr. Raman, led and nurtured the institute by creating a serene ambience with sophisticated facilities in a nature-friendly environment. The institute has carried forward the legacy of its founder and several research activities of national importance are being carried out by the Institute," it added.

The launch of the jubilee celebrations will begin on Monday at the Raman Research Institute campus, Sadashivanagar.

Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, Union Department of Science & Technology, will be the chief guest and S. Somanath, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation, will be the guest of honour for the event.

A day-long programme has been arranged to mark the beginning of the celebrations.

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Notice is hereby given that, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal at Bengaluru by its order dated 29th September 2022, confirmed the reduction of Share Capital of the above-named Company from **INR. 5,06,35,610** (Indian Rupees Five Crores Six Lakhs Thirty-Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ten Only) comprising of 50,63,561 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each fully paid up to **INR. 7,31,480/-** (Indian Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty only) consisting of 73,148 equity shares of INR. 10/- each fully paid up.

Dated this 7th Day of November 2022

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EDUCATION HUB

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Garden City University organises 'Run for Unity' program

Commemorating the 147th anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Garden City University in association with the Government of Karnataka, held the 'Run for Unity' program on 31 October 2022, as part of the week-long National Unity Day celebrations. The program was organised in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and held under the aegis of AKAM. The Bangalore event commenced from the Kanteerava Stadium and concluded at Vidhana Soudha. M. N. Nataraj, State Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and Anil Kumar M, Deputy Director of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, alongside Mr Christo Joseph, Director of Strategy and Planning at Garden City University also graced the event. Aiming to strengthen patriotism among the youth, the event saw participation from young volunteers from Garden City University. The students were informed of the role and values of Sardar Patel whilst being introduced to the importance of National Unity Day. A national unity pledge was delivered in 3 languages, namely Kannada, English and Hindi, by the participants.

Atria Institute of Technology organises training camp for NCC Bengaluru cadets

Atria Institute of Technology, Bengaluru organised the annual training camp for 3 Karnataka BN NCC Bengaluru cadets from 24 October to 31 October 2022 at their campus. The institute hosted over 413 cadets, accompanied by 50 officers and instructional staff for various training programmes. The inauguration of a newly constructed Firing range wall by Manoj Kumar M E, Assistant Commissioner of Police, J.C. Nagar, North Division, Bengaluru alongside Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Damodaran PP was the highlight of the weeklong camp. The cadets were exposed to gruelling drills and other preliminary rounds of selection for the Republic Day Parade 2023. They were also introduced to basic military tactics and rifle shooting whilst maintaining discipline and unity. The cadets were also involved in various cultural programmes. The programme culminated with the valedictory function followed by a gala dinner which was attended by the Chief Guest Air Commodore BS Kanwar VSM, Deputy Director General of NCC Karnataka & Goa Directorate, alongside the guest of honour Shree Nagaraju, Trustee of Atria Institute of Technology.

KJC women's basketball team bags INFINI - 2022 championship

The Women's Basketball team from Kristu Jayanti College (KJC) Autonomous bagged the INFINI - 2022 championship. INFINI - 2022, the National Sports Fest was organized by PES University from 19 October to 21 October 2022. The KJC Women's Basketball Team won the quarter-finals against the host PES university by scoring 35-10 points. Continuing their streak, the team defeated Christ University with a score of 47-40 and later emerging as champions by winning against PES University with a score of 50-26

KSIT adopts Five Government Schools

K S Institute of Technology has adopted five government higher primary schools at the inaugural event held in the premises of Govt. Higher Primary School, Vasanthapura. The event was inaugurated by B. C. Nagesh, Minister of School Education, Literacy and Sakala from the Government of Karnataka, accompanied by the chief guest for the event, Prof. M. R Doreswamy, Advisor to Government on Education reforms along with Chancellor of P.E.S University and Sri M Krishnappa, MLA, Bengaluru South. The institute has fulfilled all basic infrastructural demands in uplifting the schools. Furthermore, the renovated schools will be handed over to the government. The chief guest lauded the efforts of the management of KSIT towards social services. According to the President of Kammavari Sangham R. Rajagopal Naidu, over 25 lakh have been spent on the renovation of the schools. Moreover, 500

school bags and 2000 notebooks were distributed among the students. The trust has also expressed its wish to adopt many more schools in the coming years. A souvenir titled "Dattu - 2022" was also released in the presence of Vice-Presidents Dr D Rukmangada Naidu and B Lokanadha Naidu, Honourable Secretary, R Leela Shankar Rao, Treasurer, T Neerajakshulu Naidu and other managing committee members, that commemorated the activities that were carried out.

12th Annual convocation ceremony held at Nitte Deemed to be University

Nitte Deemed to be University Mangaluru held its 12th Annual Convocation Ceremony at their Campus. Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi delivered the convocation address whilst elaborating on the impact of education on one's life. N. Vinaya Hegde, Chancellor of Nitte Deemed to be University, presided over the function and highlighted the responsibility of the educated youth in uplifting the underprivileged. Honouring his excellent contribution towards the field of Bio-Technology and his role in implementing the National Polio Eradication program, Prof. T. S. Rao, former Senior Advisor, Ministry of Science and Technology at the Government of India, was conferred with Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) degree at the ceremony.

Over 994 graduates, including 21 Doctoral, 324 Post Graduates and 2 Fellowship students from diverse disciplines like Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Architecture, Media and Communication along with Biological Sciences were awarded their degrees. Achievers from various programs were commemorated with the University Gold Medals, Endowment Gold Medals and Merit Certificates. Twenty Gold Medals, including 9 Endowment Medals and 11 University Medals were presented to the distinguished achievers.

The ceremony was also attended by Prof. Dr M. Shantharam Shetty, Pro-Chancellor (Hospital Management); Vishal Hegde, Pro-Chancellor (Admin); Prof. Dr M.S. Moodithaya, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Dr Harsha Halahalli, Registrar; Prof. Dr Prasad B.Shetty, Controller of Examinations.

Drone photography

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The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted permission to BIAL to conduct drone photography and videography at the KIA Terminal-2.

The Ministry in an order said BIAL had sought permission to conduct drone photography and videography at the Terminal-2.

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Long-time coming: A SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket rolls to launch pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, U.S. on October 31 just before its launch. REUTERS

The Falcon Heavy launch: the most powerful operational rocket in the world

What is the recently launched Elon Musk-owned SpaceX rocket carrying to space? How is the U.S. military involved in this mission? Is this the first time the rocket has been launched? Have previous missions been successful?

Abhishek Chatterjee

The story so far :

On November 1, Elon Musk-owned SpaceX launched the Falcon Heavy rocket into a geosynchronous Earth orbit from the Launch Complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, U.S. This is considered as a National Security Space Launch for the U.S. military. The company hails this as the most powerful operational rocket in the world. This is the fourth launch of the giant rocket system, and the first one in nearly three years since its last launch in 2019.

What is its current mission?

The rocket is carrying satellites to space for the U.S. military in a mission named as U.S. Space Force (USSF)-44. The mission deployed two spacecraft payloads, one of which is the TETRA 1 microsatellite created for various prototype missions in and around the geosynchronous earth orbit. The other payload is for national defence purposes. It will place the satellites for the Space Systems Command's Innovation and Prototyping.

Space Systems Command (SSC) is the oldest military space organisation in the United States Armed Forces. It is responsible for developing, acquiring, equipping, fielding and sustaining lethal and resilient space capabilities. SSC mission capability areas include launch acquisition and operations, communications and positioning, navigation and timing, space sensing, battle management command, control, and communications, and space domain awareness and combat power.

The Falcon Heavy uses three boosters for added thrust and lift capacity. The centre booster plunged into the ocean as planned and the two side boosters landed on ground pads at the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. These two boosters will be refurbished for a subsequent U.S. Space Force mission later this year, according to a press release by the Space Systems Command. The boosters are reused on other missions to cut down on mission costs.

What are the specifications of the Falcon Heavy rocket?

SpaceX claims Falcon Heavy to be the most powerful rocket in the world today by a factor of two. With a lifting capacity of around 64 metric tonnes into orbit, Falcon Heavy can lift more than twice the payload of the next closest operational vehicle, the Delta IV Heavy.

The rocket has a height of 70 m, a width of 12.2 m and a mass of 1,420,788 kg. Falcon Heavy has 27 Merlin engines which together generate more than five million pounds of thrust at lift-off, equalling around eighteen 747 aircraft at full power. This makes it the most capable rocket flying. The rocket can lift the equivalent of a fully loaded 737 jetliner, complete with passengers, luggage and fuel, to orbit, SpaceX said.

Merlin is a family of rocket engines developed by SpaceX for use on its Falcon 1, Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch vehicles. Merlin engines use RP-1 and liquid oxygen as rocket propellants in a gas-generator power cycle. These engines were designed for recovery and reuse, according to SpaceX.

When was the Falcon Heavy last launched?

SpaceX last launched its Falcon Heavy rocket in June 2019 from NASA's Kennedy Space Center. It carried 24 satellites as part of the Department of Defense's Space Test Program-2.

The satellites included four NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) technology and science payloads to study non-toxic spacecraft fuel, deep space navigation, "bubbles" in the electrically-charged layers of Earth's upper atmosphere, and radiation protection for satellites, according to a NASA release. The space agency said that the mission was useful for smarter spacecraft design and benefitted the agency's Moon to Mars exploration plans by providing greater insight into the effects of radiation in space. It also tested out an atomic clock that could change how spacecraft navigates and looked at how the space environment around the Earth affects us.

Why was there a delay in the current mission ?

The mission was earlier scheduled for lift-off in 2020 but was delayed. The exact reasons for delaying the mission were not publicly disclosed but payload readiness issues were considered to be the cause.

Also, most of SpaceX's missions till date did not require the massive power of the Falcon Heavy.

What about the other launches of Falcon Heavy ?

The Falcon Heavy debuted in 2018 when SpaceX CEO Elon Musk sent his personal red Tesla Roadster, an electric sports car with a dummy driver, into space as a test payload. The car is still in space, orbiting around the sun, travelling as far away as Mars' orbit and, at times, as close as Earth's orbit. SpaceX launched the other two Falcon Heavy missions in 2019. One carried a TV and phone service satellite to orbit for Saudi Arabia-based Arabsat, and the other carried experimental satellites for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Are there any future launches?

SpaceX is said to be working on even bigger rockets. The company is targeting early December to launch its giant Starship rocket system, according to a report by *Reuters*.

These test flights of Starship are all about improving our understanding and development of a fully reusable transportation system designed to carry both crew and cargo on long-duration interplanetary flights, and help humanity return to the Moon, and travel to Mars and beyond, SpaceX said in its website.

The Musk-owned company claimed Starship to be the world's most powerful launch vehicle ever developed, with the ability to carry an excess of 100 metric tonnes to Earth orbit.

THE DAILY QUIZ

On the occasion of his 68th birthday, here is a quiz on some of the iconic characters played by the thespian Kamal Haasan

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

Kamal Haasan is known for blending seamlessly into serious characters, but he has also essayed brilliant roles in comedies. Name the London-returned character from one such film who's oft used catchphrase in the film is "Catch my point?" Also name the film.

QUESTION 2

"Who is God ("sivam")? You and I are "God"!" — says this character who is a communist activist in this Tamil film directed by C Sundar. Name the character and the film.

QUESTION 3

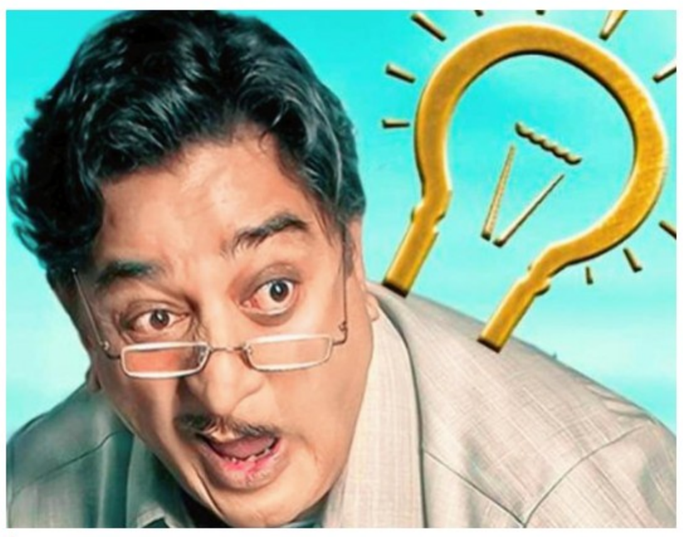
"I have never feared being afraid", says this otherwise fearful character who suffers from several phobias, largely due to trauma suffered in the civil war in Sri Lanka. Name the character.

QUESTION 4

When his grandson asks him, "Are you a good man or a bad man", this character replies, "I don't know, dear", in this film that has some inspirations from *The Godfather*. Name the character and the real life personality it was based on.

QUESTION 5

What ability did the character Janardhanan (alias Johnny) possess in a female-centric K. Balachander film? Kamal, who played that character, learnt this skill from AVM Murugan.



Visual question:
This character who is a R&AW official, "can speak five languages in Telugu". Name the character and the film he appears in.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the November 4 edition of the daily quiz: 1. The necropolis where Tomb KV62 housing Tut is located. **Ans: Valley of Kings**
2. The teenage king's original name was not Tutankhamun but this. **Ans: Tutankhaten**
3. This organ usually left inside the body during mummification was missing for Tut. **Ans: Heart, it was replaced by a scarab amulet**
4. Many said that Britain entered the WWII because of this incident on April 16, 1939. **Ans: Playing the two trumpets found inside Tut's tomb**
5. The number of coffins used to keep the mummified body of Tut. **Ans: Three**
6. One of the daggers found from the burial was made from this material. **Ans: Meteorite**
7. This item has become an iconic symbol of Egypt. **Ans: Tut's funerary (death) mask**
8. Connect 'Downtown Abbey' to Tut. **Ans: Highclere Castle, where the series is set, is the stately home of the Carnarvons whose fifth Earl bankrolled the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb**
Visual: Identify this Englishman. **Ans: Howard Carter**
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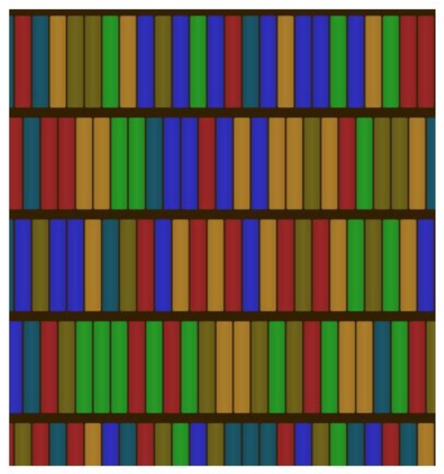
Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in



KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

Its about time you gave up ideas divorced from reality

My colleague who is senior to me exchanged his promotion for a transfer to his home town

S. Upendran

"I thought you were bringing your classmate with you. What happened?"

"He's gone to the mall for something. But he should be here soon. By the way, Vineet isn't my classmate. He was senior than me in school. I think he was..."

"You don't generally say 'senior than'. It's usually 'senior to'. For example, *Raju does everything Lina says because she is senior to him*."

"How about this example?

Yogesh looks like a kid, but he's been working in this branch for a long time. He's senior to everyone here."

"Sounds good! Similarly, we say, 'junior to' and not 'junior than'."

"*Sunitha doesn't like to be told what to do by those who are junior to her*."

"That's a very good example. But sometimes, listening to people who are junior to you may prove to be very beneficial."

"That's true. I'm junior to Vineet, but he always listens to my ideas patiently."

"That's good. But why has Vineet gone to the mall? Is he buying something for ..."

"Before I answer that question, tell me how 'd..i..v..o..r..c..e' is pronounced."

"You're not even married! Why are you worried about..."

"Vineet and I had a disagreement about how the word is pronounced. "

"Many people in our country tend to pronounce the first syllable like the word 'die'. They pronounce the word as 'die-vorce'. But that's not how native speakers of English pronounce it. They tend to pronounce the 'i' like the 'i' in 'sit', 'pit' and 'hit'. They rhyme the second syllable with 'force' and 'course'. They pronounce the word 'di-VORCE', with the stress on the second syllable."

"Tell me, can the word 'divorce' be used in contexts other than marriage?"

"It certainly can. The word can be used with any kind of separation between two things. For example, *I wish we could divorce religion from politics*."

"There's no chance of that happening in our country.

"Now tell me, why has Vineet gone to the mall?"

"The poor chap bought a watch a couple of days ago. But it's been giving him a lot of trouble. He's gone to see if he can exchange the watch with a new one."

"You generally don't exchange something 'with' something else. You usually 'exchange for' something. *The fridge we bought six months ago is not working properly. We want to exchange it for a new one*."

"The shirt that my mother bought for my birthday was a very tight fit. I went to the store and exchanged it for a kurtha."

"They allowed you to do that?"

"The kurtha and the shirt were the same price. So, they had no problem."

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Word of the day

Ineffable:
defying expression or description

Synonyms: unutterable, indescribable, indefinable

Usage:
Her face radiated ineffable ecstasy when she got her dream job.

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Pourakarmikas hold meet, list out demands

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Pourakarmikas from across the State held a convention and finalised a charter of struggle in the city on Sunday. The unions have threatened to launch a massive struggle for permanent employment, if the State government goes back on its promises made in July 2022.

The charter of struggle demands that the government call for a special session of the Assembly to discuss the situation of pourakarmikas and pass necessary legislation to improve their working and living conditions.

President of the BBMP Pourakarmika Sangha, Nirmala, said that an indefinite protest was started from July 1, 2022.

"At that time, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had promised in writing to make permanent all pourakarmikas working in all the local bodies in the State and had also constituted a committee for the same. But before the report of the committee was submitted, they announced that only 11,000 pourakarmikas will be recruited across the State, whereas there are over 48,000."

Meanwhile, Mr. Bommai on Sunday said a notification to regularise the services of 11,136 pourakarmikas has been issued.

"The risk fund of pourakarmikas has been hiked to ₹2,000. The government decided to regularise the services of pourakarmikas as per recommendation of a committee," he added.

However union leaders have refuted that statement. "The Chief Minister in July 2022 promised to regularise all pourakarmikas under direct payment system, around 26,000. However, the notification now issued is for recruitment, not regularisation and only for 11,136 sanctioned posts," said a union leader.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 7, Monday), the following explainer is available:

- The Uniform Civil Code **bit.ly/uniformcivilcodeucc**

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Lunar eclipse to occur tomorrow

Celestial event will only be partially visible in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A lunar eclipse will occur on November 8, which will be visible from all parts of the country, including Bengaluru.

"The eclipse will be visible from all places in India at the time of the moon rise. However, the beginning of the partial and total phases of the eclipse will not be visible from any places of India as the phenomena will be in progress before the moonrise. Ending of both the total and the partial phases will be visible from the eastern parts. Only the ending of the partial phase will be visible from the rest of the country," the Ministry of Earth Science said. The event will begin at 2.39 p.m. and the total eclipse will start at 3.46 p.m.

The lunar eclipse will occur a fortnight after the partial solar eclipse of October 25. FILE PHOTO

According to the Ministry, the ending time of totality is 5.12 p.m. and the ending time of partial phase is 6.19 p.m.

"A fortnight after the partial solar eclipse of October 25, there will be a lunar eclipse on November 8. This eclipse is total but a large part of India will witness the eclipse as partial only. The North-Eastern parts of India will witness the totality phase also," said R.C. Kapoor, former professor with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics.

FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its Equity Shares and has filed a draft red herring prospectus dated November 9, 2021 read along with the addendum dated June 8, 2022 (the "**DRHP**") and has filed the RHP with the RoC and thereafter with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("**SEBI**") and the Stock Exchanges. The RHP shall be available on the website of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in as well as on the websites of the BRLMs i.e., ICICI Securities Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited at www.edelweissfin.com, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com/ and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited at www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html, the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and the website of the BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, respectively. Any potential investor should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risks, see "*Risk Factors*" beginning on page 22 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP for any investment decision.

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Krishi Mela ends, attracts a record 17.35 lakh visitors

University's Director of Extension K. Narayana Gowda attributes the huge crowd to the interest being shown by urban people in agriculture

Visitors at the Krishi Mela at the Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The four-day Krishi Mela of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru which came to an end on Sunday, has attracted a total of 17.35 lakh visitors, which is the highest in the last five years. According to the university authorities, the mela drew a crowd of 6.14 lakh persons on Sunday.

The mela saw participation of 13.1 lakh people in 2018-19, 14.5 lakh in 2019-20, and 8.1 lakh in 2021-22. During 2020-21, only 200 visitors a day were allowed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

University's Director of Extension K. Narayana Gowda attributes the huge crowd to the interest being shown by urban people in agriculture. "This time, a large number of urbanites especially youth also visited the mela along with farmers. This is mainly because of the fact that urbanites, especially those who have roots in villages, were able to re-establish their contacts with their native areas during the pandemic period," he told *The Hindu*.

"In fact there are instances of some urban dwellers selling their property in cities to buy agricultural land," he says.

At the same time, he acknowledges that such a trend has increased the responsibility of the university as there is a dire need to provide timely scientific advise to such people and also handhold them.

Mr. Gowda feels that the number of visitors would have further increased if there were no rains during the mela.

Meanwhile the sales by various stalls put up too have seen a sharp increase with the mela recording a total business volume of ₹9.01 crore over four days.

The mela had showcased nearly 800 stalls put up by various government departments, NGOs, and private firms besides FPOs and co-operatives. This was in addition to the live demonstration plots that showcased latest technologies in various crops, cultivation methods and irrigation systems.

Jayadeva doctor operates on man and his children for same heart defect

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

In October, when eight-month-old Fathima Shamna underwent a surgery for Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF), a congenital heart disease, at the State-run Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, it was a unique experience for the doctor performing the operation.

P.S. Seetharama Bhat, Professor and Senior Consultant in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the institute, operated upon the baby's father, Sirajuddin, in 2009 and his first child, Mohammed Hyaiz, in 2019 for the same birth defect at the same hospital. While the father was operated upon when he was 19 years old, the first child underwent the surgery after he turned one.

TOF is a birth defect (commonly known as blue baby syndrome) that affects normal blood flow through the heart. It happens when a baby's heart does not form correctly as it grows and develops in the mother's womb.

"This is the first time in my career spanning 32 years that two children and their father have been operated on for the same birth defect. Such a high degree of genetic penetration is not common as only 10% of children born to patients with congenital heart disease develop the exact same defect," Dr Bhat told *The Hindu*.

"Although the mother of these two children was cautioned about the congenital heart disease by her gynaecologist during the pregnancies, she refused to get it terminated. She hoped that her children could be saved by her husband's doctor. Her faith only increased my responsibility," he said.

A file photo of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences.

Institute Director C.N. Manjunath said TOF is the most common cyanotic congenital heart disease. "It is a combination of four congenital heart defects. These defects usually result in a lack of oxygen-rich blood reaching the body," he said.

Infants with TOF can have bluish discoloration of skin and nail beds – called cyanosis – because their blood does not carry enough oxygen. If timely surgical intervention is not done, babies can develop polycythaemia (blood thickening), abscess in the brain and bleeding disorders with a reduced lifespan, he said.

"Usually the optimal timing of surgery is between one to two years unless there are more symptoms. The outcome of the TOF surgery depends on the adequacy of the pulmonary arteries. The rate of surgical mortality is around 4%-7% depending on the medical centre and surgical expertise," he said.

Rehnaaz, wife of Mr. Sirajuddin, said, "I had pinned my hopes on doctors at Jayadeva but was confident about a successful surgery when both my children were operated upon by the same doctor who treated my husband."

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 57TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. No. 25011 of 2022
Hg: 16/12/2022

M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Manager :
Sri Pramodh. G. S/o. Gurumallappa B. ...Plaintiff

VERSUS

Mr. Mithun K. S/o. Mr. Kudluru, Aged about 35 years Residing at Shristi Anmol Apartment, S-6, 2nd Floor, Siddalingeshwara Layout, 2nd Cross, Thindlu Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore- 560 097 ...Defendant

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs.14,28,012/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Twelve only)** together with future interest at 10.99% p.a. you are hereby summoned to appear before the 57th Addl. City Civil Jadge in person or by pleader on the **16th** day of **December, 2022** to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 02nd November, 2022.

Bengaluru
Dated: 02/11/2022

By Order of the Court
Dy. Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN,
Advocate for Plaintiff,
#60, G-3, M.M. Complex,
Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar,
Bangalore- 560051.

LEGAL NOTICE

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in Newspaper
(Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF LXI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH-62)
O.S. No. 4659 of 2020
Summons to defendant by way of paper publication

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068.

Defendant :
Mr. SivaKumar Bandreddi,
Aged about 28 years,
S/o Venkata Ramana Bandreddi, Residing at No. 28, 1st Floor, 24th Main, F Cross, Ejipura, Bangalore-560 047.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs. 8,87,979/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Nine Only)** together with future interest at **10.99%** Percent you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the **13th day** of **December, 2022** to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on **20/10/2022.**

By Order of the Hon. Court,
Dy. Registrar,
City Civil Court
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN,
Advocate For plaintiff
No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051,

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF LXI ADDL. CITY CIVIL SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH - 62)
O.S. NO. 4661 OF 2020

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd;
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068,
Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Santosh A Kulkarni, S/o. Sri. Anant K. Kulkarni

Defendant:
Summons to Defendant by way of Paper Peblication
Mr. Venkatesh Kumar Natarayan, Aged about 38 years, S/o. Natarayan Karupannan Residing at No. A18, Owners Court Layout, East Sarjapura Road, Kasavanahalli Kaikondanahalli, Carmelaram, Bangalore – 560 035.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.14,07,089/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Seven Thousand Eighty Nine Only) together with future interest at 10.99% P.A., you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 13th day of December, 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 20/10/2022

By Order of The Hon' Court
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-051; PH: 7892117565

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF LXI ADDL. CITY CIVIL SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH - 62)
O.S. NO. 4656 of 2020

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd;
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068,
Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Santosh A Kulkarni, S/o. Sri. Anant K. Kulkarni

Defendant:
Summons to Defenant by way of paper Publicalion
Mrs. Rosey Baruah, Aged about 45 years, D/o. Surjya Baruah Residing at No. 22, 3rd Cross, 1st Main, Bharati Layout, S.G. Palya, DRC Post, Bangalore – 560 029
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.2,92,649/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Nine Only) together with future interest at 11.69%, you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the LXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall, at Bangalore in person or by pleader on the 13th day of December 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 20/10/2022

By Order of The Hon' Court
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-051; PH: 78921 17565

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 57TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS COURT, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. No. 25447 of 2021
Hg: 16/12/2022

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068. Reptd. by its Manager Sri Pramodh G. S/o. Gurumallappa. B. ...Plaintiff

VERSUS

Mr. Mahendar Bagri,
Aged about 31 years, S/o. Mr. Manaramji Bagri, Residing at No. 6, 4th Cross, Cubbon Pet, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 002. ...Defendant

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 4,48,830/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Only) together with future interest at 16.99%, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court of the 57th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore. in person or by pleader on the 16th day of December, 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 02nd November, 2022.

By Order of the Hon. Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

SD/- ALTAF HASAN,
Advocate, No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M.Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 25684/2017

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Plaintiff
And
Mrs. Usha Rani Korukundu ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mrs. Usha Rani Korukundu D/o. Damayanthi, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 57, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, Sanjayanagar Post, Near Ashirwad Residency, Bangalore - 560094.
Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgement and Decree for recovery of loan amount of Rs.2.67,812.07 (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve Paise Seven Only) together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.
Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore Court (CCH-20) on 12/12/2022 At 11:AM either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex- parte
Given under my hand and the seal of Court this the 21/10/2022.

By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayahall (Unit) Bangalore

Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co., Advocate and Solicitors, No. 66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore - 560047.

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25597/2020

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560067 ...Plaintiff

And
Aroop Dey ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Aroop Dey, S/o. Himangshu Ranjan Dey, 80/33, 4th Cross, Dwarka Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560 085
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 3,19,243/- (Rupees Three Lakh Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three Only) together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 21/10/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 21)
O.S. NO. 26301/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And
Mr. Azeezulla Khan ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Azeezulla Khan,
S/o. Mr. Jan Mohammed Khan, Aged about 34 years, No. 36/1, 3rd Floor, Ranoji Rao Road, Baswanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,93,719/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen Only) together with interest @ 9.50% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 22/11/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this11/10/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 20)
O.S. NO. 26487/2020

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And
Mrs. Pooja Yadav ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mrs. Pooja Yadav,
D/o. Sri. Brijlal, Aged about 27 years, No.11, Sri Krishna Nilayam, SGR Dental College Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 2,25,207/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seven Only) together with interest @ 18% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 03-01-2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 01-10-2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL GOURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S. A. Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH - 58)
O.S. NO. 25610 of 2021

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Center, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 Reptd. By its Manager : Sri Pramodh G, S/o. Gurumallappa B.
V/s.

Defendant :
Mr. G. Rajagopal Reddy (Summons to Defendant)
Mr. G. Rajagopal Reddy, Aged about 32 years, S/o. Mr. Jayam Raml Reddy Gopavaram, Residing at No. 344, Room No. 1, 4th Avenue, 5th Main, Teachers Colony, Near Karmel Garden Public School, Bangalore - 034
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs. 9,46,406/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Six Only)** together with future interest at 10.99%, you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 57th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall, at Bangalore in person or by pleader on the **17th day of December, 2022** to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on **05th November, 2022.**

Bengaluru
Dated : 05/11/2022

By Order of the Hon. Court
Dy. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN, Advocate,
R. No. 474/1993
No. 60, G-3, M.M. Complex,
Chikka Bazaar Road,
Tasker Town, Shivajinagar,
Bangalore- 560051

IN THE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH - 84)
COMMERCIAL ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 202/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Corporate & Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and branch office at Mystree Center, No. 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 ...Plaintiff

And
Sri. Jai Kumar R. & Another ...Defendants

APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C

Summons to Defendant No.1
D1. Sri. Nagaraju V,
S/o. Sri. Venkataramaiah,
Aged about 25 years,
No. 51, Marappanapalya, Ramanagaram Taluk, Near Water Tank, Ramanagar - 562 109
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.12,49,532/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two Only) together with interest thereon at the rate 24% p.a., with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on 09/12/2022 at 11:00 a.m., to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 02-11-2022.

BY ORDER OF COURT
CITY CIVIL COURT,
BENGALURU

ADVOCATĚ FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates, No.10,
7th Cross, Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-21)
O.S. NO. 26308/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff

And
Sri. Nagendra E ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Nagendra E, S/o. Sri. Eshwarappa, Aged about 32 years, Bhadrapura Village, Chandragutti Hobali, Bennur, Shivamoga- 577 429
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 6,10,878/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Only) together with interest @ 13.85% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble IV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-21) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 22/11/2022 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 11/10/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S.A. Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

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Maths is everywhere

Mathematician Vijay Ravikumar talks about how he developed the "Geometry of Vision" series of online learning modules

Nahla Nainar

If you mime a silent Edvard Munch scream every time you see a mathematical problem, perhaps it is time to take a closer look at how much of our life is actually governed by numbers and equations. "Maths has the potential to connect us to universal truths that we can each access directly with our bodies and minds," says Vijay Ravikumar, a mathematician with a penchant for puppetry and theatre arts.

Ravikumar recently premiered the "Geometry of Vision" series of online learning modules, which examines how we make visual sense of the world around us through Maths. The course has been developed with the support of the National Programme of Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) and is available free online. In India, students can take it for credit at their home institution.

Maths to arts to maths again

Ravikumar's own journey into interactive learning has an unusual background. Growing up in the U.S., he obtained a double major in Maths and English Literature from Amherst College, Massachusetts, before pursuing his Ph.D. in Maths at Rutgers University. He moved to India in 2013 for postdoctoral studies at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) Mumbai, and then became an assistant professor at the Chennai Mathematical Institute.

By 2018, he left academia completely to become a theatre artist and puppeteer. However, Ravikumar shifted his focus back to Maths when the COVID-19 lockdown made online education de rigueur. "Geometry of Vision "aims to demystify the way arithmetic works, especially in a non-academic setting. While we may not perceive ourselves as born number crunchers, our physical senses are constantly applying mathematical principles to process sensory data, says Ravikumar. "Arithmetic can be surprisingly intuitive at a visceral level, even if we've never thought about it consciously," he says. His modules explain how the human mind is able to construct an intricate 3D understanding of our surroundings from 2D visual snapshots, by utilising various deep, elegant, and ancient mathematical principles. Beginning with an investigation of perspective drawing, and a survey of techniques artists have used for representing depth, the lessons move on to the "projective geometry" branch of Maths.

Open source learning

"My goal is to create a gateway to fundamental maths that is both accessible and exciting to interested learners from pretty much any background – whether they're high-school or Ph.D. students, or adult learners looking for interesting activities after retirement," says Ravikumar.

Keeping in mind that online instruction is a totally different medium from traditional in-person teaching, he has designed an interactive e-book format. "The course is not meant to be accessed through the usual NPTEL portal, but rather through an 'Interactive Sandbox' that I designed with Aatish Bhatia, a science writer at the *New York Times*. The student can scroll through a given lecture watching short, visually engaging videos interspersed with interactive questions, activities, and graphics. The 'Interactive Sandbox' is open source, and we plan to create a tutorial so interested teachers can easily adopt it," he says.

Living and teaching in the U.S. and India has helped him appreciate the varied approaches towards education. "I hope this course can connect with a wide variety of learners, not only in terms of life experiences and mathematical backgrounds but also geographic locations. At the end of the day, one of the aspects I love most about Maths research is how it can bring together people of vastly different cultures, classes, and nationalities in a shared exploration," he says.

INFO YOU CAN USE

- **The course can be accessed https://this-vijay.github.io/vision-math/**
- **Students in India must register for the course at the NPTEL Swayam site (https://onlinecourses.nptel.ac.in/noc22_ma68/preview), in order to submit weekly homework sets, and access live help sessions.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Application: Online b4s.in/edge/KKGS12

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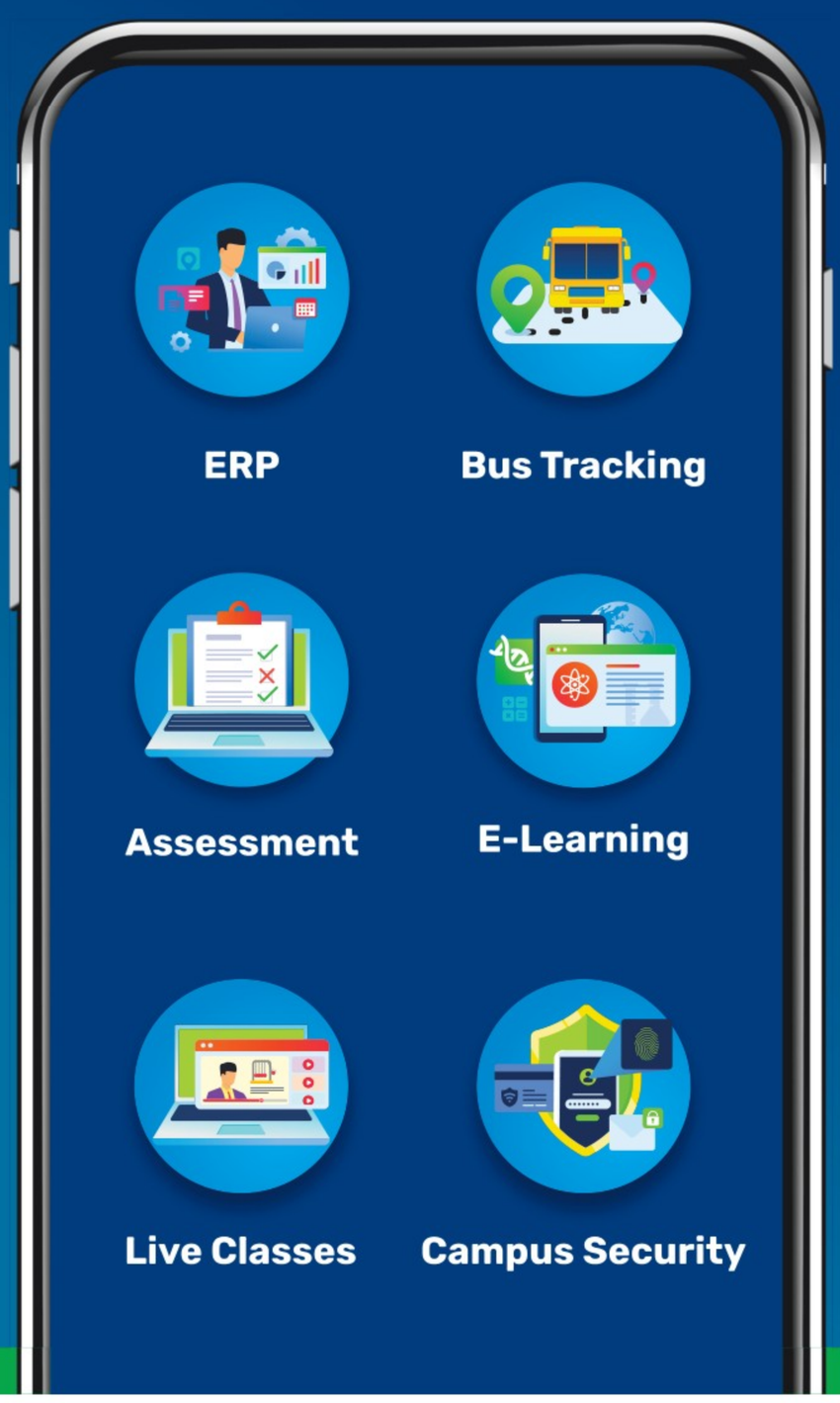

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INBRIEF

Arun Singh to tour State from today as part of yatra

Bharatiya Janata Party national general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh will arrive in Bengaluru on Monday to take part in the Jana Sankalpa Yatra. He will participate in conventions of party workers being organised in Indi, Sindhagi, Chitradurga, Mayakonda and Sira till November 10.

Appu's *Gandhada Gudi* to be screened at special rate

Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar on Sunday announced that from November 7 to 10, Puneeth Rajkumar's last project *Gandhada Gudi* will be screened at a special rate of ₹56 per ticket at single screen theatres and ₹112 at multiplexes across the State. She said: "It was Appu's wish that all Kannadigas, especially children, should watch this movie."

Collection of soil for Kempe Gowda theme park

Collection of soil from different areas for the development of theme park, which will house the statue of Kempe Gowda on Bengaluru International Airport premises was taken up in Malleswaram on Sunday under the leadership of Higher Education Minister Ashwath Narayan.

Election arena set to be dominated by fathers and sons in Mysuru district

Sons of three prominent politicians – former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and former Ministers H.C. Mahadevappa and G.T. Deve Gowda – are expected to contest the Assembly elections

Laiqh A. Khan
MYSURU

(From left) Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Yathindra, former Minister H.C. Mahadevappa's son Sunil Bose, and former Minister G.T. Deve Gowda' son G.D. Harish Gowda.

Much as "dynasts" are scorned in politics, sons of at least three prominent politicians from Mysuru district alone - former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and former Ministers H.C. Mahadevappa and G.T. Deve Gowda - are expected to be in the poll fray for the Assembly elections next year along with their fathers.

While Mr. Siddaramaiah's son Yathindra, who is already an MLA representing Varuna Assembly segment, is likely to be renominated if the former Chief Minister does not choose to contest from the constituency, Mr. Mahadevappa's son Sunil Bose and Mr. Deve Gowda's son G.D. Harish Gowda are preparing to make their maiden foray into the electoral arena of Assembly elections.

If party sources are to be believed, Mr. Mahadevappa, who represented T. Narsipur (Reserved) Assembly segment earlier, is lobbying for Congress ticket from Nanjangud (Reserved) Assembly constituency so that his son can contest from T. Narsipur constituency.

'Welcomed' back

Mr. Gowda, who represents Chamundeshwari Assembly constituency as a JD(S) MLA, had publicly put a condition that both he and his son should be given ticket if he were to join the Congress. After the one-family, one-ticket rule adopted by the Congress put paid to his hopes and the JD(S) "welcomed" him back to its fold recently and entrusted to him the reins of the party in the district, Mr. Gowda lost little time in announcing the candidature of his son Mr. Harish from Hunsur Assembly segment.

Though Mr. Yathindra and Mr. Sunil Bose will be spared of the Congress's one-family, one-ticket rule that has an exemption clause of five years of prior work in the party, their candidature will depend on the constituency from where their fathers will contest. Mr. Yathindra has said that he will vacate Varuna if his father chooses to contest from the constituency.

Similarly, Mr. Bose's candidature from T. Narsipur also depends on how far Mr. Mahadevappa succeeds in securing ticket from Nanjangud, which is also believed to be eyed by working president of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee R. Dhruvanarayan.

Not new trend

Dynastic politics is not new to Mysuru district. Already, Harshavardhan, son-in-law of veteran politician and Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency's MP V. Srinivas Prasad, is the BJP MLA representing Nanjangud Assembly constituency. Similiarly, the late MLA Chikkamadu's son Anil Chikkamadu represents H.D. Kote (Reserved) Assembly segment, while late Minister Azeez Sait's son Tanveer Sait represents Narasimharaja Assembly constituency in Mysuru.

Another entry from Deve Gowda's clan?

Sathish G.T.
HASSAN

In Hassan district, former Minister H.D. Revanna and his wife Bhavani Revanna are among the probable candidates to fight in the Assembly elections on the JD(S) ticket. Revanna, who represents Holenarsipur constituency, is said to have been planning to field Ms. Bhavani, who earlier worked as a member of the Hassan Zilla Panchayat, for Hassan Assembly seat.

Ms. Bhavani has been active in politics for many years. Her role in earlier elections contested by her husband, father-in-law H.D. Deve Gowda, and her sons Prajwal Revanna, member of Hassan Lok Sabha, and Suraj Revanna, MLC representing local bodies of Hassan, was significant. There were reports during the past Assembly elections that she could be fielded for Belur seat or K.R. Nagar in Mysuru district.

This time, she is said to be keen on contesting for Hassan seat. She has begun to participate in many public events in the constituency. Her sons are also spending time strengthening the party's organisation in the constituency. Recently, Ms. Bhavani has been criticising Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda of the BJP repeatedly, hinting at a possible contest between the two in the coming election.

However, former CM and Mr. Revanna's brother H.D. Kumaraswamy is in favour of fielding H.P. Swaroop, former ZP vice-president and son of former MLA H.S. Prakash. He openly supported Mr. Swaroop's candidature by participating in a programme organised in memory of Mr. Prakash a few days ago in Hassan. Interestingly, none of Mr. Revanna's family attended that programme. Ms. Bhavani's argument within the family is that she should get a chance to contest as Mr. Kumaraswamy's wife Anita Kumaraswamy had been given one already, it is said.

Probe intensified into death of ex-officer of IB

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Mysuru police on Sunday said they have stepped up investigation to nab the culprits and trace the car that mowed down a retired Intelligence Bureau officer on Manasagangotri campus on Friday evening.

R.N. Kulkarni, the 83-year-old former IB officer, who was on his routine evening walk on the campus around 5.30 p.m., died after a speeding car knocked him down and sped away. Though the police thought it to be a case of road accident in the beginning, it later suspected murder after retrieving CCTV footage.

An investigation was taken up, constituting three teams to nab those behind the crime. A massive hunt has been launched to locate the unidentified grey car.

Mr. Kulkarni had settled in Mysuru after his retirement and was the resident of Sharadadevi Nagar here.

Police Commissioner Chandragupta told *The Hindu* on Sunday that the teams are on the job to trace the car. "We are questioning some people. Investigation is on in all angles," he said.

Mr. Kulkarni was walking on one side of the narrow road when the car with no registration number plate deviated from the path, hit him, and sped away. The police suspected murder as the narrow road is not usually used by cars; the car had no number plate, and the occupant/s of the car did not stop after hitting the elderly person.

BJP's yatra to resume today; party plans ST convention in Ballari

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party will hold a convention of the Scheduled Tribes in Ballari on November 20, while the Jana Sankalpa yatra led by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa will commence from Monday.

"The ST convention will be held at Ballari on November 20 and the Scheduled Castes' convention will be held in Mysuru on November 30. The Jana Sankalpa Yatra will resume from Monday and it will be held continuously for three days in Udupi, and Bombay-Karnataka districts of Gadag, Haveri, and Belagavi," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai told reporters here on Sunday. He said that response from people has been good for the yatra that will go on till December.

Accusing the Congress of trying to hush up irregularities in issuing licence to generate power from solar sources, he said that these licenses were issued to some private individuals during the previous regime. "Giving a licence online within seven seconds and the list of beneficiaries will tell the truth. This is being probed," he said.

Regarding the mysterious death of the nephew of M.P. Renukacharya, Honnali BJP MLA, Mr. Bommai said he has already spoken to the MLA and collected information. "The same information has been shared with the IGP and Superintendent of Police of Davangere for a proper investigation. The truth will come out after the postmortem report and thereafter a decision will be taken regarding the course of investigation. The incident will be probed from all angles."

PM's visit

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bengaluru on November 11, the Chief Minister said that Mr. Modi will be flagging off the Vande Bharat Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysuru high-speed train, inaugurating the second terminal at Kempegowda International Airport, and unveiling the 108-ft statue of 'Nadaprabhu' Kempegowda near Bengaluru airport. The Prime Minister will also be addressing a public meeting in Bengaluru, he added.

'Siddaramaiah has become a political orphan'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Congress leader Siddaramaiah has become a political orphan and I have nothing but pity for him as he has no fixed constituency to fight from, C.M. Ibrahim, JD(S) State unit president, said in Belagavi on Sunday.

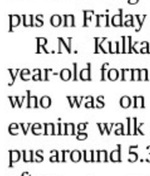
"Mr. Siddaramaiah is frantically looking for a constituency. He should fight from Varuna constituency and prove his mettle," he told journalists.

He felt that the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi would not have a lasting impact. "First, the Congress leadership should ensure unity among the various factions in Karnataka Congress," he said.

CORRIDORS OF POWER

What irks speakers

Often, sections of the audience at political rallies and functions resort to whistling to display their excitement.



But, the act appears to have begun irking some politicians.

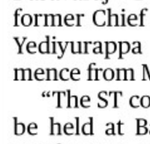
Days after Congress leader B.L. Shankar rebuked the whistling fans at a function organised to release a book on former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's administration in Mysuru, it was the turn of BJP leader Nalin Kumar Kateel *(in picture)* to show his disgust against the whistlers.

Midway during his address to the gathering at a BJP workers meeting in Mysuru recently, Mr. Kateel heard a random whistle from the audience. Immediately, an apparently irritated BJP leader paused his speech and asked the gathering if they wanted him to end his address. Even when someone from the audience said the whistle was to encourage him to speak, the BJP leader was not impressed. He said the act was like the reason cited for consuming alcohol - people drink when they are sad as well as happy.

CM's 'fan' moment

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai *(in picture)* has never hidden his interests when it comes to films or fraternising with those from the film industry. This year, on Kannada Rajyotsava, when Puneeth Rajkumar, or everyone's beloved 'Appu', was posthumously conferred with the Karnataka Ratna award (which was received by his wife), Mr. Bommai's emotions were not very different from those which were running through hundreds of fans who had gathered there for the event.

The usually calm Chief Minister on that day was found talking at the highest pitch possible, while praisingn 'Appu', standing next to superstar Rajinikanth. Not only did



he say that "Appu should be born again in the same land, at least for the sake of his fans", but also said that the rains which lashed the city that day were a way of the "rain gods blessing the occasion" and called Parvathamma Rajkumar "mother of all." Some were heard murmuring if this "fan" behaviour was really becoming of a Chief Minister.

Lower and lower

The verbal duel between the BJP and JD(S) camps is reaching new lows in Hassan district. Recently, a remark by BJP MLA Preetham Gowda against former Minister H.D. Revanna's wife Bhavani Revanna and her son Prajwal Revanna led to protests by JD(S) workers in Hassan.

Ms. Bhavani, who is said to be keen on contesting from Hassan Assembly seat in the coming elections, alleged that Mr. Preetham's father, who retired as an engineer with the Public Works Department, had taken Mr. Revanna's help to secure a posting in BBMP while in service.

This irked Mr. Preetham and he challenged her to prove his father worked at BBMP at least for a day in his entire service. He said he would resign as MLA if her allegation was proved true. He went so far as to allege that both Ms. Bhavani and Mr. Prajwal often addressed the media "in an inebriated state."

JD(S) workers have announced that they would intensify the protest if the MLA did not apologise. On the other hand, BJP leaders and workers have distanced themselves from the their MLA's comment.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **92** SPQ (E) **2019** Bangalore dated 11.10.2022 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **11.10.2022.**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale, Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 14.11.2022 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

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Indian black honeybee is a Western Ghats discovery

SPECIAL

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A new species of endemic honeybee has been discovered in the Western Ghats. The new species has been named *Apis karinjodian* and given the common name Indian black honeybee.

The finding has been published in the September issue of *Entomon*, a peer-reviewed journal brought out by the Association for Advancement of Entomology.

The research team behind the discovery comprised Shanas S. from Kerala Agricultural University's Integrated Farming Systems Research Station, Karamana, here; Anju Krishnan G., a Ph.D. research scholar from the Zoology Department of S.N. College, Cherthala (affiliated to the University of Kerala); and Mashhoor K. from the EMEA College of Arts and Science, Malappuram. It is after a gap of more than 200 years that a new species of honeybee has been spotted in the Western Ghats. The last honeybee described from India was *Apis indica* in 1798 by Fabricius. Although Fabricius named the Indian bee *Apis indica*, it was not considered a valid species till now. The research team restored the status of *Apis indica* based on a new measure for species discrimination in honeybees termed 'Radio-Medial Index (RMI).'

A taste of honey: Apis karinjodian is found from the central to southern Western Ghats.

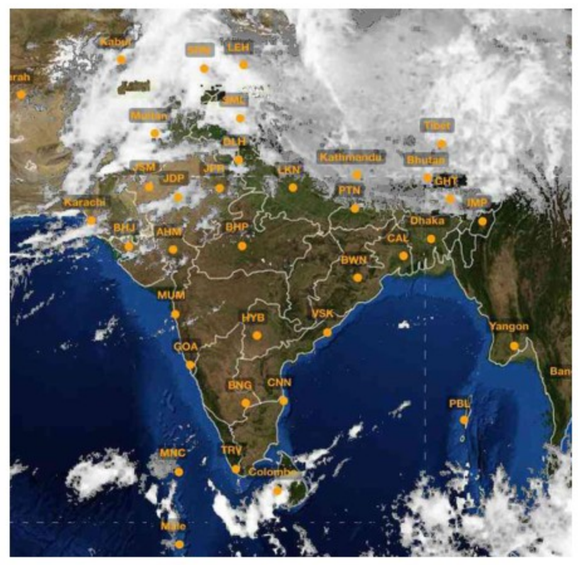
They obtained high resolution photographs of the type specimen from the Natural History Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark, to prove the distinct identity of *Apis indica*, which led to the discovery of the *Apis karinjodian*.

Apis karinjodian has evolved from *Apis cerana* morphotypes that got acclimatised to the hot and humid environment of the Western Ghats. Molecular analysis of mitochondrial DNA was also carried out and molecular sequence data available in the public open database NCBI-GenBank also helped confirm the species status of the new honeybee. The research work took more than three years.

The distribution of *Apis karinjodian* ranges from the central Western Ghats and Nilgiris to the southern Western Ghats, covering the States of Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Monday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.9	22.4	Kozhikode	9.0	33.6	24.5
Ahmedabad	—	36.5	19.7	Kurnool	—	33.8	22.9
Aizawl	—	—	17.2	Lucknow	—	31.4	19.0
Allahabad	—	31.6	18.4	Madurai	—	31.4	23.0
Bengaluru	—	27.8	19.1	Mangaluru	—	32.8	24.5
Bhopal	—	34.3	16.7	Mumbai	—	34.6	23.5
Bhubaneswar	—	32.6	21.6	Mysuru	—	29.5	21.4
Chandigarh	—	30.5	16.6	New Delhi	—	31.1	17.8
Chennai	—	34.5	24.1	Patna	—	30.0	18.5
Coimbatore	—	28.9	22.2	Port Blair	—	30.6	26.6
Dehradun	—	28.5	13.8	Puducherry	22.2	32.3	22.2
Gangtok	—	19.5	11.0	Pune	—	31.5	15.0
Goa	—	34.0	24.2	Raipur	—	33.5	17.0
Guwahati	—	31.5	19.6	Ranchi	—	28.2	16.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	—	23.1	12.9
Hyderabad	—	30.5	16.1	Shimla	—	20.4	11.5
Imphal	—	28.8	14.0	Srinagar	26.0	12.7	5.2
Jaipur	—	34.3	19.4	Thiruvananthapuram	5.0	31.8	23.1
Kochi	2.0	30.4	24.2	Tiruchi	—	30.4	24.0
Kohima	—	23.4	9.5	Vijayawada	—	31.2	23.2
Kolkata	—	31.3	21.2	Visakhapatnam	—	33.0	24.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.82	131	.9	164	203	
Bengaluru	.8	16	62	81	86	
Chennai	.21	.8	.—	54	71	
Delhi	.14	.56	78	367	308	
Hyderabad	.4	.37	41	164	137	
Kolkata	.17	.32	.8	223	166	
Lucknow	.12	118	23	327	194	
Mumbai	.26	131	39	274	112	
Pune	.—	.—	.—	—	—	
Visakhapatnam	.36	.60	24	155	177	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dharuhera, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 345 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 22

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kharge calls for unity ahead of Assembly polls

Newly elected president of All India Congress Committee Mallikarjun Kharge says this is necessary to oust the BJP government

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stressing upon the need to remain united to remove the BJP from power in 2023 elections, newly-elected president of All India Congress Committee M. Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday urged his party leaders in Karnataka to bury their differences and work towards bringing the Congress back to power.

"To remove the 40% BJP government from power, should we not work together? Karnataka elections are important and we have to take an oath that we will win this election," said Mr. Kharge, outlining the priority for the party ahead of the 2023 elections. He was speaking here at Sarvodaya Samavesha, organised by KPCC to felicitate the veteran leader who was returning to his home State for the first time after being elected Congress president.

AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge with KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, Congress general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala and other party leaders at the 'Sarvodaya Samavesha', at Palace Grounds, in Bengaluru on Sunday. K. MURALI KUMAR

He said, "All of you should jointly make an effort to get our government back. Only then will I feel honoured to be the president. Otherwise, there is no meaning in being honoured at a function like this." It is important for all leaders to remain united even if they face small differences, he stressed. "Small differences should be ironed out; new blood has to be infused; bring those leaders who have left the party back; the disgruntled should be pacified and small loopholes in the the party need to be plugged," he said.

To the State Congress leaders and workers, he said, "If you think the media is not supporting you enough, go on a door to door campaign to connect with people. I am sure all leaders will work together to bring the party back to power."

Stating that even the BJP had internal differences, he said that the party, however, was interested in talking about other parties. "You (BJP) don't worry about us. We are united and will remain united in future."

On the recruitments to government jobs, he said, the BJP government at the Centre did not do anything to fill 14 lakh vacancies till now. "However, with the Assembly elections in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, and upcoming parliamentary elections in 2024, it has announced the recruitment process."

Acknowledging that there were minor misunderstandings, Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the bigger challenge is to remove the communal and anti-poor BJP government from power. "In three years, the BJP has limited public resources. I will give you confidence that the BJP will be removed from power and Congress will be brought back. We will abide by the cautionary note that you (Mr. Kharge) have mentioned.

Earlier, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar recalled the nearly six decades of Mr. Kharge's public life as a legislator, State Cabinet Minister, parliamentarian and Union Minister. "He has been a loyal to the party for decades. He did not make public utterances even while being hurt. His sacrifices for the party are many."

INBRIEF

North Hyderabad takes centre stage at property show

North side of the city was in focus at the 12th edition of Hyderabad Property Show organised by the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India-Hyderabad.

Labour Minister Ch. Malla Reddy inaugurated the two-day show at the Auspacious Convention Centre in Kompally on Saturday.

The main advantage of north Hyderabad is that it is located on NH-44 connecting Hyderabad and Nagpur thereby offering good road connectivity. The area is also connected by rail towards Mumbai, Nanded, and Shirdi as also the MMTS link to Bolarum and Medchal.

Thiruvananthapuram Mayor denies seeking 'priority list'

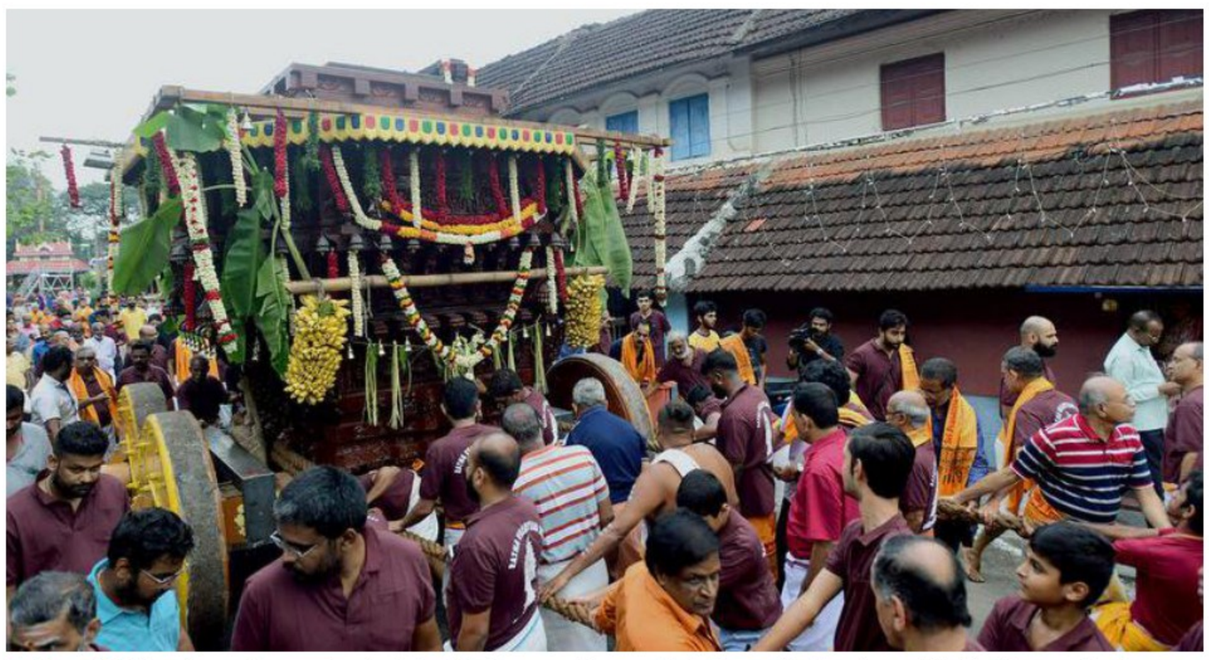
Categorically stating the she has not "directly or indirectly" sent the alleged letter to Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] district secretary Anavoor Nagappan asking him for a "priority list" of applicants for temporary posts in the health wing of the City Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram Mayor Arya Rajendran has said that the controversy is the latest episode in various attempts to defame her and tarnish her image, ever since she took charge. The officials in the Mayor's office had said that they had not initiated any such letters.

Admission process begins for Masters in Public Health

The Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences has issued notification for admissions into the Master of Public Health (MPH) course through an online entrance test for 2022-23.

Application can be done online through http://knruhs.telangana.gov.in from November 9 to 19 (till 1 p.m on the last day). There is no age restriction for admission into the course and any candidate with a bachelor's degree with at least 50% marks can apply. The test will be conducted on November 27 between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m, said a release on Sunday.

On a roll



Festive spirit: Devotees pulling wooden chariots of Chathapuram Prasanna Maha Ganapathy Temple near Palakkad town on Sunday, one of the four organisers of the famed Kalpathy Ratholsavam (chariot festival). K.K. MUSTAFAH

'Munugode preferred development, self-respect over BJP's arrogance'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) has thanked the people of the Munugode Assembly constituency for reposing their confidence in the party, the support extended by two Left parties and the hard work put in by the party's rank and file to ensure success in the high-voltage byelection.

TRS working president K Taraka Rama Rao addressing media persons in Hyderabad on Sunday. RAMAKRISHNA G

Speaking on Sunday evening after participating in the victory celebrations at Telangana Bhavan, the headquarters of the TRS, working president of the party K.T. Rama Rao described the success of the party candidate, Kusukuntla Prabhakar Reddy, as the electors' preference for development and self-respect over the arrogance of some individuals. Mr. Rama Rao, who practically took the responsibility for leading the party in the byelection and who promised to adopt the constituency with a win to the TRS, remarked that the TRS victory in Munugode was a slap on the face of BJP leadership which caused the byelection with their arrogance. He said the win had ensured that all 12 constituencies in the undivided Nalgonda district were with one party – TRS – for the first time. The byelection had also proved that there would be only suicides in politics and no murders, and the Munugode result was a perfect example for that, the TRS working president said.

"People of Munugode have taught a lesson to the arrogance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah as they believed that people could be bought over. BJP candidate Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy was only a puppet on the byelection screen but it was the Modi-Shah duo who manipulated (managed) the puppet," Mr. Rama Rao said. He alleged that BJP had spent hundreds of crores of rupees for the Munugode byelection, and explained the incidents of ₹1 crore cash seizure and others. Mr. Rama Rao claimed that the TRS had polled about 23,000 more votes in the byelection from 2018 election figures and its vote share went up by about 9% from 34.29%.

Two ACPs in charge of intelligence wing in Coimbatore transferred

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After a terror plot was unearthed following the recent car explosion, two Assistant Commissioners of Police in the intelligence wing of the Coimbatore City Police have been transferred.

P. Parthiban, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) of the Intelligence Section (IS), has been transferred as the ACP for the Singanallur range, as per the order issued by the Director-General of Police on Saturday.

T. Prabhakaran, who was working as the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) of the District Crime Branch, Theni, has been appointed as the ACP of IS, Coimbatore. Mr. Parthiban was posted as the ACP, IS, on September 24. Earlier, he had served as the ACP of the Special Intelligence Cell (SIC), an intelligence unit designated to monitor elements distorting communal harmony and indulging anti-national and terrorism-related activities. The works of the SIC and another wing, namely the Special Intelligence Unit (SIU), had come under criticism from political leaders following the car blast in front of the Sangameswarar temple on October 23. It was alleged that these units had failed to keep a watch on Jameesha Mubin, the suspected key conspirator of the explosion, who was questioned by the National Investigation Agency in 2019, during its probe into a Coimbatore-based module of the Islamic State.

TDP chief's CSO files police complaint over 'stone-throwing'

The Hindu Bureau
NANDIGAMA (NTR DISTRICT)

The NTR District Police Commissionerate registered a case over the alleged hurling of a stone on Telugu Desam Party (TDP) supremo Chandrababu Naidu's convoy, which hit the Chief Security Officer (CSO), during his roadshow at Nandigama on Friday.

The stone reportedly hit the CSO, K. Madhusudhan Rao, on his chin causing him a bleeding injury. The NSG commandos were alerted to the incident and the police stepped up security of the former Chief Minister.

Based on a complaint lodged by the CSO, the Nandigama police registered a case and took up an investigation, the police said on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the police could not find the stone or any sharp object which reportedly hit Mr. Rao, at the spot where the incident allegedly occurred, the police said.

High stakes

Gujarat holds an outsized importance in the BJP's calculations

Being the launchpad of the prevailing model of the politics of the BJP and of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Gujarat has a special place in Indian politics. With the emergence of AAP as a serious contender for power, the Assembly election scheduled for December 1 and 5 is going to be a triangular one, in which the incumbent BJP appears to have a clear edge. The Congress, which came close to defeating the BJP in 2017, has been sliding since then, and has shown no will to fight so far. AAP's enthusiasm is in stark contrast with the inexplicable indifference of the Congress. The collapse of a suspension bridge in Morbi and deaths, weakened the claim of the BJP regarding its governance track record, but any organic link between performance and voting preference is rather weak among the party's supporters. The State's politics is driven by deep Hindu symbolism, and often outright communal polarisation. AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal is trying to adopt this tested formula by promising Gujaratis free pilgrimage to Ayodhya and challenging the BJP to implement a Uniform Civil Code across the country. AAP has no game on the ground in terms of organisation or personnel, and its successes have come from the mass appeal of Mr. Kejriwal, leading to automatic voter mobilisation. The party is hoping that the situation in Punjab, which it won in March, will be replicated in Gujarat – enough people looking for an alternative to the two key national parties.

The BJP may not be facing any intense voter antipathy, going by the CSDS opinion poll conducted before the Morbi tragedy. More than 70% of the people were favourable towards the BJP; it remained popular even among those who noted that price rise was a concern. Compared to 2017, the BJP has improved its acceptance among most Hindus and tribal sections. The BJP calculates, with good reason, that AAP will split the votes opposed to it, and its pathway to victory would be easier than in 2017. That claim apart, the party is sparing no effort to retain its citadel. In quick succession, two big private industrial projects were announced, in a controversial demonstration of the benefits of a 'double engine' government – the same party being in power at the Centre and State. The investors were allegedly forced to change their original plans to locate in Maharashtra. The central investigative agencies are active against AAP leaders, very conveniently for the BJP. Despite its comfortable position, the BJP remains restless as the stakes are high. In the BJP's perception, it is much more than a State election.

Democratic deficit

Early election is the only prudent way forward for Pakistan

The habitual turbulence of Pakistani politics took a decidedly dangerous turn last week, with an assassination attempt on its former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who was ousted seven months ago. Mr. Khan escaped with leg injuries after a gunman opened fire. In a press conference a day later, Mr. Khan blamed the government and the military for plotting to kill him. Mr. Khan, who had earlier invoked comparisons between himself and former PM Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, hanged in 1979 – of a popular leader whose mandate is being thwarted by the establishment – even brought in the example of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh. Both PM Sharif and the Army have denied Mr. Khan's allegations but it is harder to deny the growing problem that he now poses. Since April, when he was forced to step down following a confidence vote in parliament, and losing all court appeals, he has taken to the streets, demanding a general election immediately. He has grown vocal about the political role of the military, accusing "Dirty Harrys" of imprisoning and torturing his supporters in the Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) Party, and mocking Army Chief General Bajwa, whose tenure ends this month, for suggesting that the military would maintain a "neutral" role. There have been repercussions. In September, he was indicted in a contempt of court case for impugning the High Court judiciary, and although terror charges were dropped against him, he faces criminal charges for threatening to sue government officials. In October, the Election Commission held him guilty in a case involving undeclared official gifts and disqualified him from holding public office; he could face a legal challenge to his seat in Parliament for defaming the judiciary and armed forces.

For the Sharif government that is already beleaguered by the devastating floods, a security crisis emanating from Afghanistan, the burgeoning economic crisis, and continued bad relations with India which has stopped much-needed trade revenues, Mr. Khan's challenge could not have come at a worse time. Mr. Sharif, who has been making many foreign visits, must focus on the domestic situation, and investigate the attack on Mr. Khan in a convincing way if he intends to shore up his credibility. Despite the many setbacks, Mr. Khan's popularity remains strong; he won six out of eight by-elections last month. In the aftermath of the assassination attempt, PTI protesters have held marches in Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Quetta, and Karachi. The biggest worry for the government is maintaining law and order if the impasse continues. In that case, elections at an early date may prove the only prudent way to move forward, in a country that has always suffered from a deficit in democracy.

An electoral pivot that restores Brazil's democracy

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In the presidential election in Brazil, on October 30 (the second round), the two-time former President, and leader of the leftist Worker's Party (PT), Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva – universally known as Lula – defeated the far-right incumbent president, Jair Bolsonaro. The election could not have been more pivotal or more consequential; nothing less than a referendum on democracy itself. Mr. Lula's win brings to an end the reign of a right-wing populist who has relentlessly attacked democratic institutions, revelled in misogyny and homophobia, celebrated the gun culture, demonised Brazil's slum dwellers as criminals and drug traffickers, and accelerated the burning of the Amazon. There is little doubt that a second-term Bolsonaro would have accentuated the authoritarian turn, with a deepening reliance on the military to run the government, the ongoing politicisation of Brazil's once robust federal bureaucracy, the packing of the Supreme Court, and the erosion of civil liberties at the hands of a federal police force beholden to Mr. Bolsonaro.

What Lula da Silva's return means

The electoral pivot brings back a centre-left party that presided over an era of dramatic poverty-reduction and expanded social rights from 2003-2014. It brings back a coalition of Brazil's large and disproportionately black class of the labouring poor (the social class that gave Mr. Lula the most support), women who supported Mr. Lula overwhelmingly in what is still a deeply patriarchal society and progressive elements of the middle class. It promises to usher back in policies that favour moderate redistribution and a commitment to deepening social rights and environmental protection, including slowing the world-catastrophic destruction of the Amazon. But maybe, most decisively, Mr. Lula's return brings back a leader and a party that played a historic role in consolidating Brazil's democracy, and that when in power, have pioneered some of the boldest and most effective efforts to promote participatory democracy anywhere in the democratic world.

Mr. Lula's victory margin was narrow, 51.9% to Bolsonaro's 48.1%, the narrowest in Brazil's presidential history. Given Mr. Bolsonaro's disastrous management of the COVID-19 crisis, his constant attacks on democratic institutions and basic science, his habit of appointing unqualified sycophants (often military generals) as Ministers, and an almost continuous stream of scandals, polls and pundits alike had just a few months ago predicted a runaway Lula victory.

The first round of the election, which took place October 2, revealed a deep reservoir of conservatism in Brazil as well as a very effective reactionary coalition. Not only did Mr. Bolsonaro do better than predicted, but his right-wing allies in congressional and gubernatorial elections outperformed all other parties. The conservatism is rooted in Mr. Bolsonaro's alliance with Evangelical churches, a rapidly growing demographic that now accounts for a third of Brazil and favours traditional family values which include opposing gay marriage and abortion.

> Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's win is the most decisive reversal of a great wave called an Age of Reaction" — a wave that has seen reactionary regimes come to power across a range of electoral democracies

In Bolsonaro, a reactionary mode of politics

But it was also reactionary, in the sense of a concerted effort to roll back social achievements of the previous PT governments, reign in the independence of liberal institutions such as the judiciary and the bureaucracy, unleash police forces and allied militias in fighting criminality – which more often than not means a war on *favela* (slum) populations – and give free reign to sectoral interests such as agro-business and its anti-environmental agenda.

The reactionary mode of politics was in full display during the campaign. There was an escalation of political violence, most of it fuelled by Mr. Bolsonaro's supporters. Social media disinformation reached new heights, with WhatsApp groups spewing an endless stream of conspiracy theories and vitriol, including claims that Mr. Lula had a pact with Satan to close churches if he came to power. Evangelical preachers openly campaigned for Mr. Bolsonaro. Militias that have ties to Mr. Bolsonaro, the federal police and right-wing businesses, were all mobilised.

Mr. Lula's victory was initially met by protests from Mr. Bolsonaro's supporters and calls for the military to intervene. But Brazil's institutions have held fast and most of Mr. Bolsonaro's political allies have publicly accepted the outcome. Mr. Lula's return to power –his presidency begins on January 1 – bodes well for democracy. With Mr. Bolsonaro gone, the public sphere will now be spared his constant "*discurso de ódio*" (hate speech) and may actually get back to debates about social policies, the economy, and protecting the Amazon. Despite an adverse economic environment and a Congress and Senate that have strong representation of extreme right-wing groups, Mr. Lula will have a lot of room for manoeuvre. To begin with, he will be able to build back some of the impressive bureaucratic capacity that was built in the earlier PT period, but subverted by Mr. Bolsonaro. This will be especially critical in reinvigorating the capacity of the health and social welfare bureaucracies as well as the environmental protection agency.

Ironically, Mr. Lula will also be able to capitalise on some of Mr. Bolsonaro's own initiatives. Though ideologically hostile to state welfare, the COVID-19 pandemic forced Mr. Bolsonaro's hand as he ended up injecting more cash into Brazil's cash transfer programme (*Bolsa Familia*), Mr. Lula's signature achievement in his previous two terms in office. Mr. Lula will now be able to build it out again. As conservative as Brazil is, there is, as in India, broad-based support for expanding welfare measures. The difference is that while Mr. Bolsonaro tried to patrimonialise welfare, that is create direct ties between himself and beneficiaries, a PT government will push to link welfare to basic social rights, and possibly even broaden the criteria of inclusion.

An institution man

So what does this all mean? First, this is the most decisive reversal of the great wave that I have called an "Age of Reaction" – a wave that has seen reactionary regimes come to power across a range of electoral democracies, including western Europe (most recently, Italy), eastern Europe, the United States (Trumpism, which is set to make a comeback this week in the U.S. congressional elections), India and the Philippines. As in all these regimes, Mr. Bolsonaro weaponised the classic conservative call to reinvigorate church, family and nation, into a sense of existential cultural threat from various "others", including assorted communists, secularists, human rights activists and immigrants, or in the case of India and Brazil religious or racial groups.

Second, Mr. Lula's victory reverses the growing narrative that the checks-and-balance liberal institutions of democracy are ineffective and elite-dominated, and should be replaced by direct support for the great leader. For all his personal popularity and charisma, Mr. Lula has always been an institution man: first as a union leader, then as a builder of a party that has a strong internal democratic culture, and finally as President who has been steadfast in his support for democratic norms and practices. Third, what the PT's return to power demonstrates is the possibility, even in a world of increasing precarity and inequality, of building a broad coalition of the poor and progressive elements of the middle class. Right-wing populists have long derided issues such as gender rights, fighting climate change, cultural pluralism and racial inclusion as the foibles of a politically correct cultural elite. Mr. Lula's social base and his track record show that these are and must be universal concerns and that the pursuit of social justice and social equality begins with a commitment to inclusive democracy.

Architecture, the profession, needs strengthening

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It is 50 years since the Architects Act (1972) was passed to help build the modern profession of architecture. Architects have made steady progress since then, established contemporary design's value and expanded their professional base. There are now about 1,26,000 registered architects, with around 10,000 new registrations every year. However, instead of effusing confidence and success, architects seem to be facing the same dilemmas they confronted 50 years ago: the profession has yet to be recognised in its own right, there is bitter rivalry with its engineering cousins, low professional fee structures, poor protection from market forces and confusion about the road ahead. Equally perplexing are the solutions proposed and charting a path. There are many who want to seek the legal route, amend the Act and demand that the state protect the profession further.

A legal route is futile

If history has any lessons to offer, it is the opposite. Acts do not guarantee excellence. Choking regulations are counterproductive; market forces are powerful and can countervail barriers to competition. In this context, pursuing a legal route to take on multitudinous challenges will be unproductive and futile. Instead, architects can do better if they abandon archaic notions of 'profession' built on narrow jurisdictional boundaries and focus on broad-basing practice, investing in internal cohesion, and improving professional ethics and quality of services. The path to securing a professional Act in architecture was not easy. Architecture emerged as a distinct profession and formed an influential association in the 19th century in the United Kingdom, but that was not the case in India. There were not enough architects or institutions to ensure parallel development. The first national-level association of architects was formed in 1929 with 158 members, many of whom were in Bombay. When professionalisation picked up momentum after Independence, and professional legislation such as the Dentists Act in 1948 and Indian Medical Council Act in 1956 were passed, it encouraged architects to revive their demands and struggle; they finally got their Act in 1972.

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The Act was seen by architects as essential to separate them from those offering vocational services and also engineers. However, the government was unwilling to accept their demands and refused to make rendering architectural services exclusive to architects as it found many building services to be overlapping with those of engineers. The government only conceded to protect the title 'architect', which only qualified and registered professionals can use. Architects have had complaints since then.

Professionalisation is a monopoly of services given to those who acquire specialised knowledge. Eliot Freidson's definitive work on professionalism justifies this as an organising principle of division of labour and argues that such monopoly is required since professionals acquire, govern and develop a special knowledge that society needs. Architects who enthusiastically subscribe to this ideal view overlook three key facts. First, a profession has no intrinsic privileges but is secured only through state-supported legislation. Second, in the Indian context, the profession was not formed free of contestations, and the debates have not ceased. Third, more importantly, the ground conditions have altered over the last three decades, and as an extensive consumer of professional services, the market has established itself as the lead patron. It now wields power to bulldoze any barrier to competitive procurement of services.

The state view

State support for professions, which is critical to legitimise claims of a monopoly of services, has also been neither unconditional nor stable. Its view of what constitutes public good has changed and is currently aligned with the market economy. Large corporates and the building industry seek competition and lower fees. As patrons and powerful clients, they can ignore provisions of the Architects Act and the protocols that flow from here. Further, they prefer handing over projects to consultancy firms that offer full services, that include design and construction.

More than in any profession, the dependency on the market and state has split architects into unequal groups. Using the categories described by Michael Reed, a scholar of organisational analysis, one can identify a minority group of influential elites and their larger firms on one side and a predominant group of independent architects with medium and small firms on the other. Elites view the market economy to their advantage and support competitive demands. They flourish when steep entry barriers, such as high turnover requirements imposed by the state and private firms, keep out many small and medium firms. This disparity cannot be addressed through legislation but can be engaged only through the professional collective.

A blueprint

The profession can strengthen itself in three ways. To begin with, it should quickly abandon the 19th and 20th-century definitions of the profession that relies on carving out exclusive jurisdictions. Architects should reimagine their profession as part of a system of practices that draws strength from related building services such as building science and project management. It would serve better to build an alliance of building professionals, increase their collective relevance and enhance bargaining power. The second aspect is to help smaller and medium firms by lobbying to remove severe entry barriers that deny them projects. Equally important is the third way. Strengthening what Freidson calls the 'soul of the profession' by focusing on 'practice and institutional ethics', thereby, enhancing the quality of services. If any amendment to the Act is taken up, it should acknowledge the changed conditions of practice and enable alliances between professions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Musk-owned Twitter

Elon Musk has caused a flutter in his taking over Twitter. An Ivy school product, he has thrived immensely in the pursuit of radical paths. Self belief and genius are what have made him famous and rich. But what he has missed is the approach to managing human resource/s, where his record has been questionable. If Rubik designed his cube to proceed from chaos to order, Elon Musk revels in the reverse. What he would have in store for a purely digital socio-political platform could turn Orwellian in an attempt at controlling thought. Given such wide ramifications, Twitter may either be transformed in the hands of a genius or afflicted by a maverick.

R. Narayanan,
Navi Mumbai

While Tesla and SpaceX are industry leaders in their segments, Elon Musk has his task cut out to ensure that the issues of hate speech and disinformation afflicting Twitter — one of the most influential social media platforms where views are disseminated to diverse groups inhabiting the earth — are now addressed with an alacrity they deserve. A main concern about Twitter is the lack of accountability and transparency in its decision-making process. It is hoped that Mr. Musk will usher in measures to make Twitter a responsible social media platform while not riding roughshod over free speech.

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A book in hand

No amount of digital technology can replace the comfort and the pleasure of reading a printed book ('Open' page, November 6). As far as used-book stalls are concerned, how can one forget the erstwhile Moore Market, in Chennai?

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The continuing stalemate in Myanmar

Twenty-one months after a military coup, which derailed a decade-old experiment with limited democracy, Myanmar is struggling to cope with the consequences. People are suffering, authorities and opposition forces are locked in a cycle of violent clashes, the economy is deteriorating, and ASEAN's mission to produce a solution has failed.

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Internal scene

When the Tatmadaw (military), unhappy with the victory of the Aung San Suu Kyi-led National League for Democracy in the November 2020 elections, chose to violate the constitution, it acted in the belief that the people would accept its diktat, as they had done in previous decades. Clearly, it underestimated public anger and their commitment to freedom and democracy. Even after killing over 2,300 people and imprisoning thousands, including Ms. Suu Kyi, the military still faces a rebellion. Its plan to hold an election next year stands jeopardised.

With two key dimensions, the opposition has prevented the military from having its way. First, the parallel National Unity Government (NUG) may not be recognised by any state, but it continues to receive political and financial support from abroad. It has effectively channelled popular indignation against military rule, while still being vulnerable due to the paucity of resources and the absence of a visible leader. Second, the about 20 ethnic armed organisations (EAOs), located in the east, north and west of Myanmar's periphery, have divergent approaches towards the post-coup conflict. Many view it as an intra-Bamar contestation, an issue of limited concern to them. Some like the Karens and Kachins support the NUG, while others, especially those controlled or supported by China, remain aloof. Those operating in the Chin and Rakhine states are engaged in a fierce armed conflict with the military and have enfeebled it. But overall, due to their divergences and relative weaknesses, the EAOs are unlikely to defeat the military.

Thus, while the opposition has performed well, it is unable to turn the tide in its favour, without a nationwide front against the Tatmadaw. National reconciliation between the military and civilian forces, and ethnic reconciliation between the majority Bamars and ethnic minorities, have been put on hold. Ms. Suu Kyi, 77, the most popular leader, has been sentenced to 26 years of imprisonment in multiple cases on apparently trumped-up charges.

Besides, 1.1 million Rohingya, driven by military oppression to seek shelter in Bangladesh in 2017, continue to languish there. Dhaka's efforts to arrange their safe return have failed. Armed clashes between the military and their ethnic opponents in the border region are having a spillover effect in Bangladesh. Dhaka continues to show restraint and a preference for diplomacy to manage the situation.

International dimensions

The UN has been forthright in criticising the coup. It has expressed concern over continuing violence, support for a 'democratic transition', a release of all political prisoners and dialogue among the parties concerned. However, the UN Secretary General's special envoy has had little success in promoting peace. The UN's failure lies in the sharp divisions within the international community on how to deal with this vexed issue.

The western powers have been severely critical of the military. They have put in place several restrictive measures and imposed more sanctions. They have extended support to the NUG. On the other hand, Russia has given considerable backing to the military regime, seeing in its own isolation an opportunity to strengthen bilateral cooperation in defence and energy supplies. China is keeping a door open to democratic forces even while doing business with the regime and exploiting every opportunity to ensure progress on the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor. ASEAN is divided in three ways: Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore are pro-democracy; Thailand and Laos are pro-military; and Vietnam and the Philippines are ambivalent. This disunity and the Tatmadaw's refusal to cooperate with ASEAN have led to the non-implementation of the Five-Point Consensus. The upcoming ASEAN summit may provide clues on whether the grouping can forge a united stand and devise something that works better. India is concerned as the post-coup conditions have adversely impacted its interests and hampered bilateral cooperation. Mega projects stand delayed. Some 50,000 refugees, as per unofficial estimates, have been camping in Mizoram.

Meanwhile, there is an erroneous perception that India has abandoned the Myanmar people. The reality is that India proactively advocates an early restoration of democracy, the release of prisoners, and internal dialogue. Can India do more? It can explore the possibility of a combined mediatory role with ASEAN and like-minded neighbours. Will China have a role in such a group? India-China relations preclude that possibility.

Through greater unity, external players can help Myanmar in creating a suitable environment for dialogue on a political settlement. Distant countries such as Norway and Japan can play a helpful role as catalysts. But the principal responsibility to construct a solution must rest with the Myanmar elite and leadership of both camps. Through resilience and pragmatism, they crafted a way out in 2011-21. They must recreate that spirit. 'The Golden Land', where Lord Buddha is revered, needs to be re-inspired by his teachings. Else, a prolonged, contested military rule or a failed state seems a distinct possibility.

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Madrasas face an existential crisis

With funds drying up, they are struggling to feed the hungry and impart literacy

STATE OF PLAY

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There has been a lot of unhappiness about the Yogi Adiyanath government's decision to conduct a survey of unrecognised madrasas in Uttar Pradesh. The government's claim – of the survey being an exercise to help the madrasas and their students – has been less than convincing. In the past, the government has called into question the patriotism of madrasa students by asking their management to hoist the national flag on Independence Day, record the proceedings, and submit the same to the local magistrate.

Yet, the fact remains that unrecognised, irregular madrasas could do with some help. Most are floundering for lack of direction. Many impart elementary theological instruction through semi-educated teachers. If at all there, secular education is, at best, piecemeal. Madrasas depend almost fully on community funding. And with the economic downturn – first post-demonetisation and then post-COVID-19 – that funding has reduced to a trickle. Under normal circumstances, an institute pressed for funds cuts down on expansion plans or puts new courses on hold. Here, it has become an existential crisis for tens of thousands of students. The dwindling community sponsorship has translated into less food to eat and no warm clothes for them. If that makes it seem as though the madrasas' prime purpose is to feed and clothe the needy, the reality is not entirely different. Most students are first-generation learners. Many of them are sent by parents with the idea that there will be one less mouth to feed at home. For poverty-stricken parents, the madrasas' free boarding and lodging is a blessing. The education is often considered a bonus. The much-maligned madrasas feed the hungry and impart literacy.

Today, it is becoming challenging to operate madrasas in Uttar Pradesh. For instance, Jamiatul Hamd in Gautam Buddha Nagar district is a rare madrasa which encouraged its students to take the Central Board of Secondary Education exams alongside learning to be Hafiz-e-Quran (one who has memorised the Quran). The madrasa is so short of funds that the management does not know where the next meal for the students will come from. In the past, Good Samaritans sent packs of rice, lentils, wheat flour and cooking oil. Such sponsorship has come down drastically, leaving the students with the prospect of going to bed hungry. Most of them also do not have blankets to cover themselves in the coming winter. Also, 40% of the students in this madrasa who went back home during the COVID-19 pandemic did not return.

The scene is not too different at the Jamia Mahad-e-Noor madrasa in Dadri, where 30% of the students dropped out after COVID-19. Day scholars face an uncertain future. Some teachers could not be retained due to paucity of funds.

Meanwhile, the cash-strapped Jamia Naseeriya Islamia in Ghaziabad closed down its wing for outstation students. In mosques across Uttar Pradesh, community aid is sought for unrecognised madrasas after daily prayers. In almost every madrasa, there are lingering apprehensions about their fate after the survey. Many packed off their outstation students in panic when the survey started. The students may never return.

Incidentally, these schools had also sent back their outstation students after the nationwide lockdown was imposed in March 2020. Many students did not return as their parents got them employed as either farm labourers or at sundry tea shops or eateries. A student who may have at one time dreamed of becoming a scholar of Islam is now a menial worker.

Most madrasas stayed shut for more than 18 months during the pandemic. But unlike public schools, they imparted no online instruction as most children studying in these madrasas had no access to smartphones at home. Even a seminary like Darul Uloom, Deoband could not continue online instruction for this reason.

The fear of the survey has only made things worse. Students of madrasas which do not have an electricity connection and use just a handpump to provide water are particularly vulnerable. Ownership documents are not exactly foolproof. As more and more parents withdraw their children from madrasas, and many seminaries send back outstation students, learning may come to a full stop for thousands of youngsters.

Helicopter accidents in October point to broader concerns

India scores poorly in licensing regime and organisational processes and over 40% of helicopter accidents have been due to pilot errors

DATA POINT

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In October, 13 people were killed in three accidents in India involving helicopters. On October 5, an Army aviation pilot was killed after a Cheetah helicopter crashed near Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. On October 18, a commercial chopper ferrying pilgrims from Kedarnath crashed, killing all seven on board. On October 21, a military helicopter crashed, killing all the five personnel on board, in the Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Over the years, there have been many such incidents resulting in hundreds of fatalities. Uttarakhand, where the latest accident involving a commercial copter took place, is a hotbed for chopper accidents. A conservative estimate based on incident reports by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) shows that at least nine helicopters, many of them ferrying pilgrims inside the State, met with accidents between 1990 and 2019. **Map 1** shows the approximate take-off spots and intended landing spots of 72 commercial helicopters involved in accidents in that period. A high number of accidents was recorded in the Northeast too.

More than 150 people, including pilots, the crew and passengers, lost their lives in accidents involving commercial helicopters between 1990 and 2019 (**Chart 2A**). Between 1998 and 2021, 124 military personnel were killed in accidents involving defence helicopters (**Chart 2B**).

Over 40% of commercial helicopter accidents were due to pilot error (**Chart 3**). Harsh weather, the suspected reason behind the October 18 accident, was the reason for 19% of the accidents. About 9% were attributed to 'cable hit' (where a helicopter gets entangled in wires/cables used by locals in mountainous regions to transport goods). These cables are often not marked with warning signs and are not visible from a distance, especially when the weather is poor. Close to 85% of the fatalities due to commercial helicopter accidents happened in broad daylight, 54% while the copters were cruising, and 37% when the copters were landing. Take-off seems to be the safest part of the flight, causing the least number of deaths in the 1990-2019 period.

An analysis of accidents involving commercial airplanes in the 1990-2019 period shows that there were 999 fatalities across India. However when analysed temporally, the number of accidents involving both helicopters and flights has reduced in the last decade compared to earlier periods.

While the reasons for individual accidents vary, an analysis of the International Civil Aviation Organization's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme shows some broader concerns with Indian aviation standards. The audit was conducted between 2016 and 2018 across eight broad areas (**Chart 4**). A country's score in each area is then compared to the world average, to arrive at deficient sectors. India scored well above the world-average in six of the eight parameters but lagged behind in two – personnel licensing and training, and civil aviation organisation. These two areas broadly deal with the establishment of relevant aviation agencies by the state, supported by sufficient and qualified personnel and adequate financial resources. They also involve the implementation of documented processes and procedures to ensure that personnel and organisations meet the established requirements before they are licensed to fly. A poor score in licensing regime and organisational processes, when read along with the fact that over 40% of helicopter accidents were due to pilot errors, point to a deeper problem behind these accidents.

Crash analysis

As many DGCA reports on accidents are pending release, the accident sites and number of fatalities are conservative estimates. The timing, phase of operation and reason behind these accidents were collated from the DGCA's accident reports. Chart 4 has been sourced from the International Civil Aviation Organization's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme

Map 1 | Take-off ● and intended landing spots ✖ of 72 commercial helicopters involved in accidents

ARUNANGSU ROY CHOWDHURY

Chart 2 | Fatalities ■ and injuries ■ in accidents involving commercial and defence helicopters between 1990 and 2019. The numbers for defence helicopters are based on Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha answers and are therefore conservative estimates

Chart 3 | Timing, phase and reason behind helicopter accidents

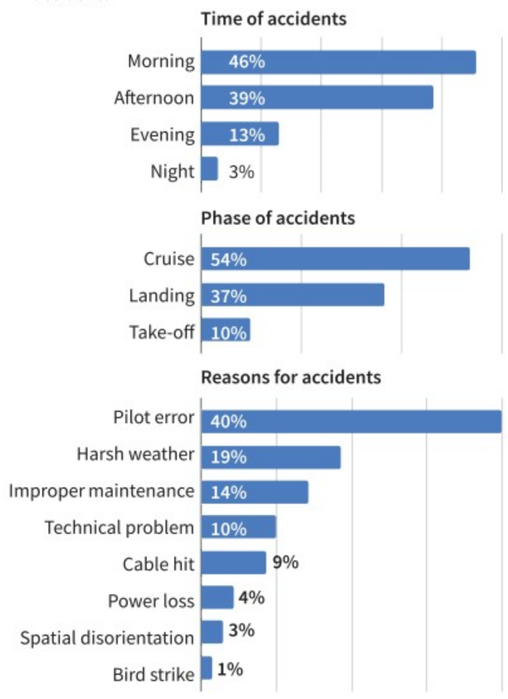
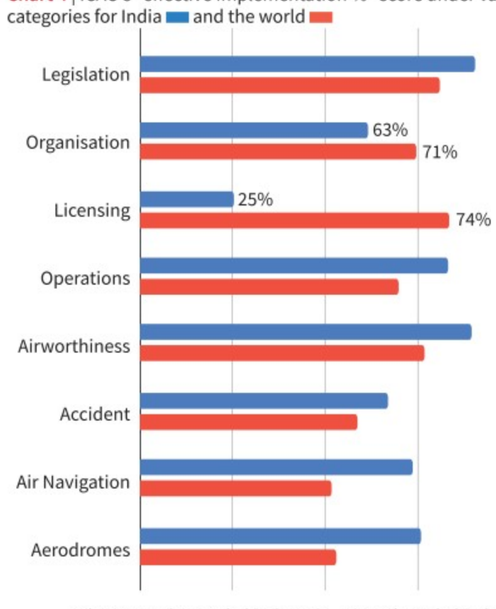


Chart 4 | ICAO's "effective Implementation %" score under various categories for India ■ and the world ■



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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 7, 1972

Suggestions to speed up Sanskrit dictionary project

New Delhi, Nov.6: The Government-aided Sanskrit Dictionary Project should be converted into an agency under the Union Education Ministry, according to a Review Committee appointed to probe into its working. The eight-member committee, headed by Dr. S. Bhattacharya, head of the Sanskrit Department of the Banaras Hindu University, in its report submitted to the Union Government has suggested that the project should not work as a university department or as a part of an institution. The 30-year-old project, started in 1942 and at present being executed by the Deccan College, Poona, with annual grants from the Union Education Ministry, had been having fluctuating fortunes for the past some time. The committee has recommended the appointment of a board of management for the overall control of the various aspects of the project, and a general editor and a managing secretary to speed up its working. In 1942, when the project was undertaken, it was envisaged to be a mere dictionary of inscriptional Sanskrit but later on works on Sanskrit lexicography were also included to make it a comprehensive dictionary, based on the traditional lexicons. A series of 17 lexicons, edited by the staff of the project, were also published as a preparatory work for the dictionary. In 1948, Dr. Renou, a visiting scholar at the Poona College, had, with the help of a committee, prepared a more comprehensive plan of the dictionary of historical principles and had drawn a list of about 2,000 words, excepting the slips from the various branches of Sanskrit, for the dictionary. Government, since then, has appointed three review committees to look into the progress of the project. The present committee, the third, set up in February this year, has found that the first phase of the dictionary relating to the extraction of vocables – about nine million – from the Sanskrit texts has been almost completed and is expected to be ready by October 1974.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 7, 1922

Bombay tram strike

Bombay, Nov. 5: The strike in the Bombay Electric Tramway Company has ended, the President of the Tramway Union having called off the strike and men having resumed work unconditionally.

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All jubilant: BJP cadre celebrate the victory of their candidate in the Dhamnagar byelection on Sunday. PTI

TRS wins Munugode, BJP bags Adampur

In Gopalganj, the polls were necessitated by the death of Subash Singh, MLA. The BJP fielded his widow. This is the first election in the State since the political realignment when the Janata Dal (U), its ally of almost two decades, left it for the RJD.

In Uttar Pradesh, the Samajwadi Party fell short of posting a credible challenge to the BJP in the Gola Gokaran Nath constituency, with its candidate losing by a margin of over 35,000 votes.

Retained Odisha seat

The BJP fielded 26-year-old Aman Giri, son of Arvind Giri, whose death led to the byelection. The Samajwadi Party repeated Vinay Tiwari, who lost bids for the seat in the 2017 and 2022 Assembly elections. The BJP also retained the Dhamnagar seat in Odisha.

Significant performance

More than these victories, however, the Munugode result gave the BJP a reason to rejoice. Though the party was defeated there by a margin of more than 10,000 votes, this was its second significant electoral performance in Telangana after its November 2021 victory in the Huzurabad Assembly constituency, where TRS rebel Eatala Rajendran won.

The results should surely worry the Congress, which currently is the key Opposition party in the State.

The Andheri (East) Assembly seat went to Udhav Thackeray faction of Shiv Sena. This was the first electoral test after the split in the party. The Thackeray faction fielded Rutuja Latke, the widow of the Sena legislator whose death created the vacancy. The BJP candidate supported by the Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena withdrew from the contest, giving Ms. Latke a walkover.

Bring back old pension scheme, govt. employees write to Cabinet Secretary

The National Pension System is a disaster for retiring employees, says an apex body of various government unions; pension under existing scheme just 15% of that under earlier one

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

In solidarity: Priyanka Gandhi Vadra with protesters demanding the implementation of the OPS in Himachal Pradesh. PTI

Demanding that the old pension scheme (OPS) be restored, a federation of Central government employees' unions has written to the Cabinet Secretary, stating that the current National Pension System (NPS) was a disaster for retiring employees in their old age.

The federation, in a letter, said a defence establishment official who recently retired after more than 13 years of service received only 15% of the assured pension he would have otherwise got under the OPS. Under the NPS, the official with a basic pay of ₹30,500 received ₹2,417 as monthly pension as against the ₹15,250 he would have received under the OPS. Another official with a basic pay of ₹34,300 received ₹2,506 as monthly pension after more than 15 years of service, whereas under the OPS, he would have been entitled to ₹17,150 as pension.

The letter signed by the Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM), an apex body of various government unions comprising Group B and Group C officials, read: "It is amply clear that the NPS employees despite their contribution of 10% of their wages every month for their entire service are getting only a very meagre pension and are worse off vis-à-vis the OPS. The pension under NPS remain static and there is no dearness relief to compensate the price rise/inflation as available in the OPS."

It said that all Central government employees, including paramilitary personnel, were opposing the "no guaranteed NPS" and were demanding that the government scrap the NPS.

The Cabinet Secretary is the chair of the JCM. "It is now 18 years after the implementation of NPS. Employees who were recruited on or after 01/01/2004 have now started retiring from service. From the paltry amount they are now getting as pension from NPS it is proved that it is a disaster for the retiring employees in their old age and not a win-win situation," the letter, signed by Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary, National Council (Staff Side), JCM, said.

Mr. Mishra told *The Hindu* that the NPS was "an atrocity committed on government employees" and the federation was contemplating serious measures to draw the government's attention. "It is a do-or-die situation. The fight will be taken to the national level. We are in touch with bank and insurance [employees'] associations. We are aware of the country's economic situation and are seeking a practical solution, but how can a retired government employee run their household with a pension of ₹1,800?" he asked.

He added that he had had several rounds of meetings with the Cabinet Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training, and Department of Expenditure, and had been told that it was a policy issue beyond the remit of bureaucracy.

The OPS, or the Defined Pension Benefit Scheme, assured life-long income post-retirement, usually equivalent to 50% of the last drawn salary. The government bore the expenditure incurred on the pension. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in 2003 decided to discontinue the OPS and introduced the NPS.

The scheme, applicable to all new recruits joining Central government service (except the Armed Forces) from April 1, 2004, is a participatory, market-linked scheme, where employees contribute to the pension corpus from their salaries, with matching contribution from the government.

Except West Bengal, all States implemented the NPS. The non-BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Punjab have announced that they would restore the OPS. In the upcoming Himachal Pradesh Assembly election, the OPS has emerged as a key poll issue.

Madrasa survey is for betterment of Islamic institutions: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Danish Ansari

As the deadline for the madrasa survey draws closer in Uttar Pradesh, Danish Azad Ansari, the junior Minority Welfare Minister in the State government, on Sunday reiterated that the aim was to "collect data so that better education and other required facilities could be provided to these Islamic institutions".

"All the hue and cry regarding the madrasa survey is far from reality and the Uttar Pradesh government wants to provide better facilities to students studying in these Islamic institutions," Mr. Ansari said. "Hence this survey was necessary. We are not going to take actions."

The districts are receiving data from the departments concerned and the report is likely to be submitted to the government by November 15. "The government will take positive steps. Our intention is for betterment of those studying [in madrasas]," Mr. Ansari added.

The madrasa survey, which is almost complete, started on September 10, with teams of officials gathering information on 12 points, including infrastructure, staff, source of funding, and facilities available at the Islamic institutions in all 75 districts. So far, more than 8,000 madrasas have been found to be running without recognition in the State.

As the survey nears completion, criticism too has been growing louder. Maulana Mufti Abul Kasim Nomani, *Mohtamim* (Vice-Chancellor) of the Darul Uloom of Deoband, in a conference last week, which was attended by hundreds of Muslim clerics and managers of madrasas, said, "We have to maintain the old 'nizam of education'." He added that madrasas did not need modern education or any kind of government recognition.

Since the announcement of the survey, the ruling BJP has been criticised by the Opposition parties and Muslim groups, who have alleged that the Yogi Adityanath government was trying to terrorise the Muslim community and that the survey was a "malicious" move to disparage the madrasa system.

BSP chief Mayawati said, "The attempts to interfere in the private madrasas, which are run on donations by the Muslim community, in the name of a survey, is inappropriate."

Vision for urban transportation headlines mobility conference

Jatin Anand
KOCHI

Transportation bodies from Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, and Delhi bagged an award each for 'Excellence in Urban Transport' at the 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo which concluded in Kochi on Sunday. The three-day event was organised to discuss the way forward regarding urban transportation in the country.

The last day of the event saw a panel discussion on the vision for urban transportation in India by the year 2047. The panel also discussed issues related to urban mobility over the next 25 years.

While Ahmedabad was awarded for being the city with the most sustainable transport system for its Ahmedabad Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS), Navi Mumbai bagged the award for the city with the best public transport system for its modernised and sustainable city bus service.

The Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. bagged the award for having a metro rail with the best multimodal integration for its Lucknow Metro Rail Project. While Chennai bagged the award for the best Intelligent Transport System, the award for the metro rail with the best passenger services and satisfaction went to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.

Online gaming fraud: ED pursuing China link

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is investigating multiple cases of online gaming fraud, including those against companies run by some China-based entities through dummy Indian directors, involving transactions worth about ₹4,000 crore.

In the case pertaining to Chinese entities, the agency is pursuing the money trails of 1,815 suspect accounts. It alleges that two companies named Linkyun Technology Private Ltd. and Dokypay Technology Private Ltd. were involved in duping the users to the tune of ₹1,146 crore.

According to the ED, the initial capital in these firms was brought in the form of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from China. The Indian companies acted as payment collectors for multiple mobile applications which were banned from Google Play Store for malpractices, as alleged.

The ED alleges to have found that those behind the scam used various payment gateways for receiving domestic revenues and for carrying out international "hawala" transactions. Following a trail involving ₹263 crore, the ED found that ₹106 crore was sent to Singapore and ₹100 crore to Hong Kong using multiple shell companies. About ₹57 crore was routed through a cryptocurrency exchange.

The agency also zeroed in on five domestic entities that had opened accounts with a public sector bank in Mumbai. Subsequent investigations led to the detection of 49 more accounts with a private bank and overseas transfer of about ₹723 crore. Another account with a Korean bank's Gurugram branch was used to send ₹42 crore.

Based on the findings, the ED has so far made several arrests, including that of Chinese national Yan Hao, crypto trader Naisar Shailesh Kothari, an Indian director named Dhiraj Sarkar and Deepak Nayyar. Following Mr. Nayyar's arrest in May, the agency had alleged that the funds were laundered to Hong Kong through select branches of the State Bank of India and the State Bank of Mauritius in Mumbai. Earlier, a chartered accountant, Ravi Kumar, was arrested in the case and assets worth ₹45 crore have been seized.

In another case, the ED has frozen assets worth ₹68.53 crore in a probe against Coda Payments India Private Ltd. (CPIPL) and "Garena Free Fire" mobile game. Unauthorised payment deductions against the sale of digital tokens to the players were made by the accused.

SC to pronounce EWS quota verdict today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit is scheduled to pronounce judgment on Monday on the challenge to the validity of the 103rd Constitutional Amendment which provides 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions to the 'economically weaker sections [EWS] of the society' but excludes the 'poorest of poor' among Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes from its ambit.

The other judges on the Bench are Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, S. Ravindra Bhat, Bela M. Trivedi and J.B. Pardiwala. November 7 is the last working day of Chief Justice Lalit.

Vital issues

The Bench had heard marathon arguments for seven days before reserving the case for judgment on September 27.

Some of the vital issues the judgment may address include whether the EWS quota violated the Basic Structure of the Constitution, whether the reservation was contrary to the equality code to treat all equally without discrimination, and more importantly if the reservation ate into the future prospects of merit-based candidates.

The government said the EWS quota was an "independent compartment". The court had repeatedly asked the government during the hearing whether the quota would take a piece of the pie from the 50% available non-reserved or open category. It also questioned the exclusion of backward classes from availing the quota.

Centre issues alert on illegal stay of Bangladeshi nationals in the country

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Wide network: The police said agents were facilitating the foreign nationals to gain entry and obtain documents with fake identities.

The Union government has issued an alert on the illegal stay of Bangladeshi nationals in India. The Directors-General of Police of the States and Union Territories have been told to take appropriate action on the illegal immigrants who sneaked into the country along the Bangladesh border in West Bengal and settled across the country, sources said on Sunday.

Security agencies were informed of a well-connected network of local people and agents in West Bengal that was facilitating the foreign nationals to gain entry, obtain original documents with the help of fake addresses, identities, and so on. The illegal immigrants who initially obtained Aadhaar cards moved to different parts of the country to get employment and settled there. Some managed to get other proof of address or identity such as bank passbook, voter identity card and PAN card, the sources said.

"These documents help them establish a fake identity at a given address and get employment. Many are using them to get passports to travel abroad. Since the documents, including the passport, are issued by the competent authority, the accused persons travel without being suspected or caught," a senior police official told *The Hindu*.

Aadhaar cards

The Centre's alert said some people in West Bengal were acting as agents by providing fraudulently obtained Indian identity documents, particularly Aadhaar cards, for a fee.

The foreigners posing as Indian nationals used the documents for various purposes across India, the official quoted the advisory as saying and added that the accused foreign nationals were settled in several States, including Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.

Days after the alert was issued, the Union Home Ministry empowered the District Collectors of Mehsana and Anand in Gujarat to grant citizenship certificates to members of Hindu, Sikh, Parsi, Christian, Buddhist and Jain communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

T.N. Police drive

A couple of years ago, the Tamil Nadu Police launched a drive against Bangladeshi nationals who had settled in various districts posing as natives of West Bengal and got employment in the construction, hospitality and textile industries. Some were arrested under the provisions of the Foreigners Act and lodged in prisons. A majority of such suspects were settled in Tirupur, Chengalpattu, Erode, Cuddalore and Kancheepuram districts.

During the pandemic lockdown when a few lakhs of migrant workers left for their respective home States, the Bangladeshi workers stayed on. Some of them indulged in activities such as drug peddling during the period, the sources added.

'30% of enemy property in U.P. illegally occupied'

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

As the Uttar Pradesh government gears up for a Statewide drive to clear encroachments on 'enemy property' across the State, government data accessed by *The Hindu* show that about 30% of such properties are under illegal occupation.

'Enemy property' refers to those left behind by people who migrated to Pakistan or other countries with whom India has had hostilities. According to the State government, nearly 1,467 such properties have been occupied by the mafia and others, while around 369 are occupied by co-occupiers and 424 by tenants who have taken the properties for rent at nominal rates during the tenure of previous State governments. Overall, about 2,250 of the 5,936 existing properties in the State are occupied.

The data show that the most number of 'enemy property' under occupation is in Shamli district, where 268 of the total 482 are under illegal possession.

APPEAL

Pranav is 6 years old male child suffering from B Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. His family is extremely poor and cannot afford the huge expenditure of Rs.8,00,000/- to undergo Chemotherapy for 3 years at Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai. He needs your blessings and support. Donations sent by Ch/D.D. favouring **Meenakshi Mission Hospital & Research Centre, Madurai will be acknowledged.** The donations sent through Ch/D.D/NEFT Transfer & GOOGLE PAY (Canara Bank, Nungambakkam Branch, A/C No.60182010063310, IFSC No. CNRB0016018) favouring **WOMEN'S WELFARE SYNDICATE** is exempted under 80G IT.

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One-all in Bihar: RJD retains Mokama, BJP keeps Gopalganj

Neelam Devi of RJD defeats Sonam Devi of BJP to win Mokama seat; Kusum Devi of saffron party secures victory over RJD candidate in Gopalganj by a margin of fewer than 2,000 votes, with AIMIM spoiling the latter's winning chances

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

The ruling Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) retained the Mokama Assembly seat and the Bharatiya Janata Party kept Gopalganj in the byelections in Bihar, as results were declared on Sunday.

In Mokama, Neelam Devi defeated Sonam Devi by over 16,000 votes. The RJD candidate polled 79,646 votes against 62,939 of the BJP.

Ms. Neelam Devi is the wife of an imprisoned *bahubali* (strongman), Anant Singh. Ms. Sonam Devi is the wife of BJP leader Nalini Ranjan Singh, alias Lallan Singh. Both are from the upper caste Bhumihar community.

In Gopalganj, Kusum Devi defeated Mohan Prasad Gupta by a slender margin of 1,794 votes. Ms. Kusum Devi is the wife of former BJP MLA and Minister Subhas Singh. She received 70,053 votes, while Mr. Gupta got 68,259.

Strong show: Rashtriya Janata Dal candidate Neelam Devi showing the victory sign after the results of the Mokama byelection were declared on Sunday. PTI

The byelection in Mokama was necessitated after RJD MLA Anant Singh, alias *Chhote Sarkar*, was convicted in an arms seizure case and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Singh has been representing the seat since 2005.

"In Mokama, it was an election based on personalities instead of parties. The comfortable win of Ms. Neelam Devi was a foregone conclusion, as Anant Singh has become a more popular personality in the area in terms of muscle power and easy accessibility to the residents than others," journalist Birendra Kumar told *The Hindu*.

In Gopalganj, the byelection was held after BJP legislator Subhash Singh died after a prolonged illness.

It is said that the presence of All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) candidate Abdul Salam, alias Aslam Mukhia, in the fray made victory possible for the BJP candidate. Mr. Salam polled a total of 12,214 votes.

It was for the first time that AIMIM had fielded a candidate in Gopalganj after wining five seats in the Seemanchal (border) districts of northeast Bihar in the 2020 Assembly election in the State.

However, four of the five AIMIM MLAs later joined the RJD.

Anirrudh Prasad Yadav, alias Sadhu Yadav, who is the brother-in-law of RJD chief Lalu Prasad, too had fielded his wife, Indira Devi, on Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) ticket and is said to have spoilt the chances of the RJD candidate by courting its traditional Yadav vote bank. Ms. Indira Devi received 8,854 votes.

"Both Ms. Indira Devi and the AIMIM candidate split votes and helped in the victory of the BJP candidate from Gopalganj where the byelection was keenly fought," a local senior journalist told *The Hindu*.

In Gopalganj, Muslims have the most votes (65,000), followed by the upper caste Rajputs, Vaishya and Brahmin voters. The Other Backward Class (OBC) Yadav voters too are in sizeable number.

Uddhav faction's Rutuja coasts to expected victory, NOTA bags second spot

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

In a foregone conclusion, Rutuja Latke, the nominee of the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance, coasted to an expected victory in the Andheri East Assembly byelection on Sunday.

The contest, necessitated by the death of Sena MLA Ramesh Latke in May, had witnessed a high-voltage build-up, with the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) first announcing its candidate, Murji Patel, against Ms. Latke, only to withdraw him from the fray later as a gesture of "magnanimity".

While Ms. Latke polled 66,530 votes, a whopping 12,776 votes (14.79%), the second-highest count, were registered under the 'none of the above' (NOTA) category, leading the Uddhav faction to accuse the BJP of a double-faced campaign against Ms. Latke, wherein it pulled back its candidate on the one hand while actively influencing voters to select the NOTA option in a bid to undercut the MVA nominee on the other.

Victory lap: Supporters of the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) celebrating after Rutuja Latke's victory on Sunday. PTI

'No secret'

Mr. Uddhav Thackeray said "there was no secret" behind the high votes polled under the NOTA category, quipping that had the BJP contested, it would have garnered the same number of votes.

"This was the first election after the 'betrayal' [of Eknath Shinde and other Sena leaders] and following the EC's freezing of the Shiv Sena's party name and its 'bow and arrow' symbol ... After the results, I am not worried about future electoral fights," the former Chief Minister said.

A sombre Ms. Latke said the victory belonged to the memory of her late husband. "The voters have returned the goodwill ... I am thankful to all the MVA constituents and the workers who have striven tirelessly for my win," she said.

Responding to the accusations, the BJP's Mumbai city president, Ashish Shelar, said Ms. Latke's win was only possible due to the BJP's "help".

"Had the BJP fielded its candidate and contested the poll, then Ms. Latke's defeat was certain," Mr. Shelar said in a tweet.

He added that the voting had been low despite the combined strength of the Congress, the NCP and the Left parties.

Akhilesh says election was rigged as Adityanath hails people's confidence in BJP

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday congratulated voters and BJP workers for the emphatic victory in the Gola Gokaran Nath Assembly byelection.

BJP candidate Aman Giri defeated his nearest rival and Samajwadi Party (SP) nominee Vinay Tiwari by over 34,000 votes.

"This emphatic victory symbolises people's confidence in the pro-development policies of the BJP's double-engine government," Mr. Adityanath said in a tweet.

The Gola Gokaran Nath byelection was necessitated by the death of sitting BJP MLA Arvind Giri.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said the election was rigged and district officials had worked as BJP workers. "The State government has undermined democracy in the byelection in Lakhimpur Kheri district. The election was rigged step-by-step. The BJP had claimed to have won the election before the result was out. Voters were not allowed to vote independently," he said.

"The SP workers were tortured in various ways on the day of polling. Incidents such as lathi charge, driving away polling agents, especially harassing Muslims, SP supporters and booths in-charge... it was clear that the BJP would do anything to win...," he added.

He questioned the Election Commission's ability to ensure transparency and fairness during the byelection. "Why could the EC not ensure transparency and fairness during the bypoll?" he said.

No surprise in Bhajan Lal's pocket borough, grandson wins Adampur bypoll comfortably

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

Holding on to his family bastion of more than five decades, BJP candidate Bhavya Bishnoi, grandson of the late Bhajan Lal, former Chief Minister, registered a comfortable victory in the Adampur byelection in Hisar of Haryana, defeating his nearest rival and Congress candidate, Jai Prakash, by 15,740 votes.

While Mr. Bhavya polled 67,492 votes – 51.32% of the total votes cast – Mr. Jai Prakash secured 51,752 votes. Satiender Singh of the Aam Aadmi Party finished fourth with 3,420 votes. Of the 22 candidates in the fray, 11 finished behind the "none of the above" (NOTA) option, which polled 237 votes. Indian National Lok Dal candidate Kurda Ram Nambardar finished third with 5,248 votes.

Home run: The BJP's Bhavya Bishnoi receives the 'Certificate of Election' after winning the Adampur seat in Haryana. PTI

The Assembly constituency was earlier held by Mr. Bhavya's father, Kuldeep Bishnoi, who quit the Congress to join the BJP in August. He was miffed over being ignored for the post of Congress State president. Adampur has been represented by Bhajan Lal's family since 1968.

The margin of victory for Mr. Bhavya, however, reduced by almost half since the Assembly election in 2019, when his father defeated the late Sonali Phogat of the BJP by nearly 30,000 votes. BJP State chief O.P. Dhankar said the victory was "encouraging" for the party workers and an approval of the party's "good governance", "organisational skills" and "election management".

Congress Rajya Sabha member Deepender Hooda said the reduced margin of victory for the BJP had made him "hopeful" for the future.

He added that the electorate in Adampur had rejected the Jannayak Janata Party, the AAP and the INLD, making it clear that the Assembly election in 2024 would be a direct contest between the BJP and the Congress.

The AAP's Haryana incharge Sushil Gupta said his party was known for bringing a change in the system and, therefore, the electorate did not find the politics of bypolls appropriate for the party.

Bharat Jodo Yatra to enter Maharashtra today

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

After traversing through the five southern States for exactly two months, the Bharat Jodo Yatra, spearheaded by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, will enter Maharashtra on Monday evening at Madnur Naka in Deglur of Nanded district exiting Telangana from Kamareddy district.

The State unit has made elaborate arrangements and a massive turnout of cadre is expected to greet the *yatra* as it crosses the inter-State boundary to reach Madnur Naka.

During his 14-day journey in the State, Mr. Gandhi will walk 381 km through 15 Assembly and six Lo Sabha constituencies.

State Congress chief Nana Patole told *The Hindu* that the likelihood of Nationalist Congress Party supremo Sharad Pawar joining the *yatra* on November 8 was very thin given his health condition. Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray is yet to confirm his schedule but is likely to join Mr. Gandhi in Akola district.

Came here to beat all records, Modi says at Gujarat election rally

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Kicking off the BJP campaign following the announcement of Assembly election dates in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday came up with a new slogan in Gujarati, "*Aa Gujarat, mai bnavyu chhe*" (I have made this Gujarat), while addressing a rally at Mota Pondha, a tribal pocket in south Gujarat.

"Every Gujarati, be it an adivasi or a fisherman, be it a villager or an urban dweller, is full of confidence today. That is why every Gujarati says, 'I have made this Gujarat.' People have built this State with their hard work," Mr. Modi said. Addressing the party's poll campaign at the tribal-dominated Nana Pondha in Kaprada taluk of Valsad district, Mr. Modi called for people to defeat those defaming the State for 20 years.

According to party sources, Mr. Modi is likely to address some 20 rallies across the State this month

Narendra Modi

to steer the BJP to another victory in the State where the party has been in power since 1995.

He said there was a "gang" that worked against the State, defaming its people and spreading hatred. The people of the State, according to him, have identified it and would not allow it to succeed with its false narrative.

"In Delhi, I am getting inputs that the BJP will win with a record margin in Gujarat this time. I have come here to beat my past records. I have told the Gujarat BJP that I am ready to give as much time as possible to it for campaigning," Mr. Modi said.

BJP promises Uniform Civil Code in Himachal if voted to power, releases manifesto

The Hindu Bureau
SHIMLA

With the aim to repeat its government in Himachal Pradesh, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday released the party's manifesto ahead of the Assembly election, promising implementation of a Uniform Civil Code in the State and extending commitments surrounding jobs for youth and women welfare.

BJP president J.P. Nadda released the party's manifesto in Shimla, saying that commitment made in the party's *Sankalp Patra* would go a long way in bringing uniformity in society and empowering farmers-horticulturist, the youth, and the women. The election in the State is scheduled for November 12.

Mr. Nadda said, "A committee will be set up surrounding the Uniform Civil Code and based on the committee report it will be implemented."

J.P. Nadda

Elaborating on the manifesto, he said the BJP would institute a scheme to provide ₹3,000 a year to small farmers, over and above the ₹6,000 given through the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Also, it would be ensured that apple farmers did not pay more than 12% in GST on packaging material.

Eight lakh jobs

He said that eight lakh employment opportunities would be provided in a phased manner.

"A start-up scheme with a corpus of ₹900 crore will be created for job creation for the youth. The number of mobile clinics will be doubled in all Assembly constituencies. Also, all type of discrepancies in remuneration of government employees will be removed," Mr. Nadda added.

Mr. Nadda said the BJP would conduct a survey of Wakf properties under the law and set up a judicial commission to investigate the illegal usage of such properties.

Asserting that special focus had been given to women's welfare, Mr. Nadda said the party would provide bicycles for schoolgirls from Classes 6 to 12 and mopeds for girls pursuing higher education.

Responding to a question surrounding "freebies", Mr. Nadda said "There is a very thin line between empowerment and allurement... All our commitments in the *Sankalp Patra* are for empowerment – be it the women, the youth, the farmers-horticulturist, employees.. We are against allurement and for empowerment," the BJP leader said.

PM 'pressuring' BJP rebel candidate in Himachal, says Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress is likely to move the Election Commission against the BJP, citing a video clip in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi is allegedly heard pressuring a BJP rebel candidate to withdraw from the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election.

Congress spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi accused Mr. Modi of "misusing his power" to influence the election results. In the video that has gone viral on social media platforms, the Congress said, Mr. Modi is heard speaking to BJP rebel Kripal Parmar. Mr. Singhvi said Mr. Modi is heard trying to "pressure" and "emotionally blackmail" Mr. Parmar into not contesting as an Independent from the Fatehpur Assembly constituency.

"The Prime Minister is misusing his power to influence free and fair elections. This would be clear electoral malpractice if not a corrupt electoral practice," Mr. Singhvi said.

He added that the Congress would complain to the commission. "The BJP is losing ground in Himachal Pradesh and is going to be defeated. Such actions and words reflect its fear, frustration and insecurity," he said.

Such exercises, Mr. Singhvi said, indicates the "distorted priorities" of the BJP government. "Not governance but electioneering is the favourite job of the BJP government and its chief executive," he said.

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INBRIEF

'Sugar export may increase after production assessment'

The government, which has allowed export of six million tonnes of sugar till May 31 for the ongoing 2022-23 season, on Sunday said it could consider allowing more exports after periodic assessment of domestic production. A Food Ministry notification issued on Saturday said export quota of six million tonnes had been permitted from November 1 to May 31, 2023, with an option for millers to export on their own or through exporters or swap with domestic sale quota. In a statement issued on Sunday, the Ministry said the export quota has been fixed based on the available initial estimates of sugar cane production in the country. PTI

Russia becomes India's top crude oil supplier in October

Russia has become India's top oil supplier in October, surpassing traditional sellers Saudi Arabia and Iraq, according to data from energy cargo tracker Vortexa. Russia, which made up for just 0.2% of all oil imported by India till March 31, 2022, supplied 9,35,556 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil to India in October – the highest ever. It now makes up for 22% of India's total crude imports, ahead of Iraq's 20.5% and Saudi Arabia's 16%. India's appetite for Russian oil swelled ever since it started trading on discount as the West shunned it to punish Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine. PTI

EC for reducing candidates' cash expenditure to ₹2,000

The Election Commission has proposed reducing the amount a candidate contesting polls can pay in cash for campaign-related expenditure from the existing ₹10,000 to ₹2,000 to make their transactions more transparent, sources said. In the proposal submitted to the government recently, the poll panel recommended that the Conduct of Election Rules should be amended to ensure that all cash payments in excess of ₹2,000 made to a person or entity for election-related expenses are made either through account payee cheques or online. This, the sources said, is part of efforts to bring greater transparency in the expenditure by individual candidates. PTI

15-year-old held for 'killing' 3 family members, neighbour

In a horrific incident, a 15-year-old boy hacked to death three members of his family and a neighbour in Kamalpur of Tripura's Dhalai district on Saturday night. The culprit was nabbed at Halahali on Sunday and taken to Kamalpur police station. He will be shifted to a remand home. The police, based on initial investigation, said the boy was a drug addict and could be suffering from a mental disorder. He played loud music while attacking his prey with a machete. "After murdering his mother, younger sister, grandfather and a neighbour, who happened to be present there, the assailant buried them in the courtyard," Dhalai district Superintendent of Police Ramesh Yadav said.

Chargeable blue tick in India in a month: Musk

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Twitter's chargeable blue tick verification service is expected to roll out in India in "less than a month", the microblogging platform's new owner, billionaire Elon Musk, has said.

Earlier this month, Mr. Musk announced that the verification blue tick in front of a user's name that authenticates an account would be charged $8 a month.

Twitter's strategy to introduce a monthly charge for the verified badge has polarised users globally.

Mr. Musk also fired the social media company's four top executives, including CEO Parag Agrawal and legal executive Vijaya Gadde.

"Power to the people! Blue for $8/month," Mr. Musk tweeted on November 1, and added that the price was adjusted by the country, proportionate to the purchasing power parity.

Favourable wind conditions improve Delhi's air quality

Emergency measures such as the ban on entry of trucks and plying of non-BS VI diesel-run light motor vehicles under stage four of the Graded Response Action Plan have been revoked

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Sunday revoked its November 3 order which called for emergency measures such as a ban on entry of trucks into the capital and plying of non-BS VI diesel-run light motor vehicles imposed under stage four of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

This was done as the air quality improved with favorable meteorological conditions.

The decision to shut primary schools was a measure taken at the discretion of the Delhi government as an emergency measure till Tuesday.

According to the forecast in a bulletin by the Union government-run monitoring agency SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research) on Sunday, the air quality in the capital improved due to the change in wind flow from stubble-burning areas leading to prevention of inflow of pollutants.

Lung space: The air quality improved to the lower end of the "very poor" category on Sunday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

After two days of "severe" air pollution, the air quality of the national capital improved slightly to the upper end "very poor" category on Saturday, and improved further to the lower end of the "very poor" category on Sunday, as per the data by Central Pollution Control Board.

The forecast reads "air quality is likely to improve further but remain within 'very poor' or 'upper end of poor' till November 8. Stubble emissions from neighbouring States with a fire count of 3,100 contributed to 18% to PM2.5 level – a chief pollutant – in Delhi on Sunday.

No steep degradation

"As the present Air Quality Index (AQI) level of Delhi is around 339 which is about 111 AQI points below the threshold for invoking the GRAP Stage-IV actions (Delhi AQI > 450) and preventive/ mitigative/ restrictive actions under all stages up to Stage-IV are under way, there is a likelihood of sustaining the improvement in AQI. The forecast also does not indicate any steep degradation further," an order from the Commission for Air Quality Management read.

A higher value of AQI means an increase in air pollution.

Camera traps give hope for snow leopard in Kashmir

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The first-ever recording of the snow leopard from the Baltal-Zojila region has renewed hopes for the elusive predator in the higher altitudes of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Camera trapping exercises by researchers from Nature Conservation Foundation (India), partnering with J&K's Department of Wildlife Protection, also raised hopes for other important and rare species such as the Asiatic ibex, brown bear and Kashmir musk deer in the upper reaches of the northernmost part of India.

"It is the first record of snow leopard from the Baltal-Zojila area," Munib Khanyari, programme manager at NCF (India), told *The Hindu* on November 6.

Various teams have been conducting surveys across 12,000 sq. km potential snow leopard territory of J&K for a few years now.

Royal black: Pink City's indelible *kali syahi* has written reams of history

SPECIAL

Mohammed Iqbal
JAIPUR

Keeping alive a tradition dating back to the reign of the Kachhwaha rulers, a family in the Walled City of Jaipur makes an indelible black ink, or *kali syahi*, used 250 years ago for writing royal *firmans* (decrees) and ledgers. The fourth generation of the family now produces the ink every Deepavali.

While the erstwhile royal family used the ink for its official transactions, the businessmen of the princely State used it to write their accounts. Even universities established after Independence awarded degrees written with this ink. The ink, with its promise of permanence, was even believed to ward off evil and bring prosperity to its users.

The manufacturers of the ink lived in the nearby Sanganer town, but were invited to the Walled City by the Jaipur royals 255 years ago and given a shop in the Tripolia Bazaar at a nominal price. The modest shop, which has now been divided within the family, still exists with a descriptive name, *Kali Syahi Ki Dukaan*.

A legacy of art: Lokesh Bomb with the black ink prepared by him at his ancestral shop in Jaipur. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In demand

The great-grandson of Hari Narayan Bomb of Sanganer who received the patronage of the royals is Lokesh Bomb, a jeweller now settled in Idar-Oberstein in Germany.

However, he still makes it a point to be in Jaipur on Deepavali and makes the ink at his ancestral shop. Mr. Bomb then sells the ink to Marwari businessmen who follow the practice of starting their accounts with the sacred ink after Lakshmi Puja.

He told *The Hindu* that the ink was made of natural ingredients using a traditional procedure handed down from generations. "The black ink is prepared on a no-moon night with the chanting of *mantras*. It is made of *kaajal* (homemade mascara), *gondh* (edible gum) and a few other locally sourced herbal ingredients," he said. The youngest of three brothers, Mr. Bomb learned the ink-making process from his mother.

The ink has medicinal properties, as some of its ingredients were earlier used in the traditional Ayurvedic system for the treatment and healing of wounds.

Some prominent *Vaidyas* and *Hakims* (traditional healers) in Jaipur have been using the ink for treating skin disorders such as eczema.

For several years, Padma Shri awardee and revered saint Narayan Das Maharaj of Triveni Dham near Jaipur visited the *Kali Syahi* shop on Deepavali to consecrate the ink before its release for sale. Following the Maharaj's death in 2018, one of his disciples comes to the shop and performs the ritual.

Mr. Bomb, who has completed a course in "Entrepreneurship and innovation in the age of change" from the London School of Economics and Political Science, said he intended to promote the ink in Europe, taking a family tradition to an international level.

"Though there is hardly any demand for ink in this age of technical advancement, I have kept the tradition going by collecting the ingredients patiently and meticulously," he said.

AnSI builds tribal hut replicas to promote unique heritage

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

From a distinctive beehive-shaped hut of the Jarawa tribe to a Shompen hut crafted with leaves of *junglee supari* with a cage for wild pigs built beneath it, and a Nicobarese hut made using the thin stems of local cane covered by thick dry grasses – each offers a peek into the lives of tribal communities that most Indians will never see.

In a first-of-its-kind bid to showcase the heritage of tribal communities, especially those of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) has recreated the huts of several communities at its different regional centres.

The effort has drawn praise from several quarters, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Laudable effort, which will spread awareness of India's glorious tribal culture and traditions," Mr. Modi said on November 3, commenting on a tweet by the Ministry of Culture, which said the initiative would help promote "cultural heritage and optimise unused spaces".

These huts have come up outside five regional centres of the AnSI in consultation with the local communities, M. Sasikumar, Joint Director, AnSI, told *The Hindu*.

Authentic design

Mr. Sasikumar said that the huts are not only authentic in design, and built using the same materials used by the tribal people, but also contain artefacts which they use, thus offering a rare glimpse into the lives of these communities who reside in locations which are not easily accessible.

For instance, the traditional Jarawa hut, called a *chadda*, has traditional baskets, bows and arrows, and other artefacts used by the community.

"The zonal anthropological museums of AnSI are important tourist destinations and the construction of these tribal huts and a monolith within the premises will help increase interest of visitors," Mr. Sasikumar said.

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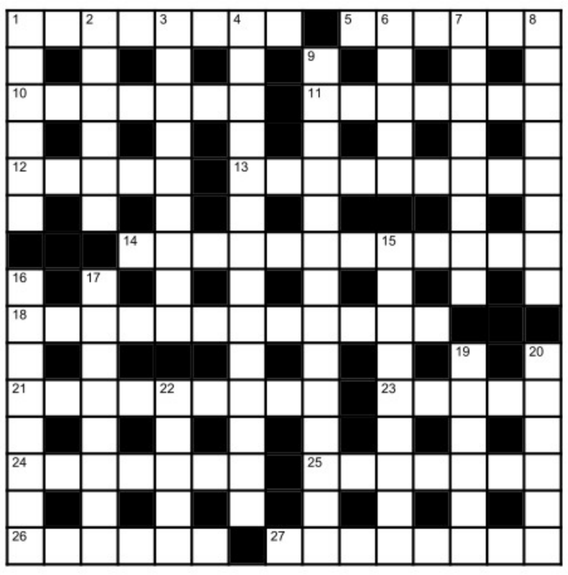

Across

1 Opportunity for half of those watching the game (8)
5 Go with arms, transport coming (6)
10 Cashier will insult girl (7)
11 Systematic plan to keep a soldier among other soldiers (7)
12 Bit of war enacted in the battle ground (5)
13 Stoned to death — after drink I'd embraced my girlfriend (9)
14 Airlines gone — gone off to get these fighting men (12)
18 Earlier Carol received it, I am arranging in order of importance (12)
21 Assure without resolving what a union member would wear (9)
23 Hog success, splitting two points (5)
24 Watchdog half in a frenzy over a language (7)
25 Predicament over cover of a Jane Austen novel (7)
26 Lay — lay half in a wrap-around cloth (6)
27 Simple, in fact starts when you enter Yale (4-4)

Down

1 Chapman's essentially idle, poppering outside (6)
2 Removed only old, getting tense (6)
3 Ship exclusive for the Queen (9)
4 Move on board before taking wings, it's very unrealistic to hope (6,2,3,3)
6 Very cold, fellow goes hard (5)
7 A right age for winding (8)
8 Agree, one gets maximum coverage as a singer (8)
9 Comes down carrying one package to surrender (4,4,6)
15 Placing relatives over a friend? It's a fair game (4,5)
16 Emergency power sources step in during eclipses (8)
17 Juvenile invites a Greek character-a bull headed monster (8)
19 Student at the centre is one month behind, it's a concern (6)
20 Signal gunners detained outside (6)
22 Well chosen country (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Nine steps of devotion

Often, people seek peace of mind and a trouble-free life. Eons ago, people undertook yagnas and other elaborate rituals to attain the same. In Kali Yuga, devotion is the most practical way of realising God. Unless one follows the nine-fold path, as laid out by scriptures such as the Bhagavatha Purana, one cannot develop devotion, said Dhamal Ramakrishnan in a discourse.

The nine steps are fairly easy to follow. The starting point is shravana or listening to good things. In Tamil there is a proverb, '*Katralin kettrale nanru*' (listening to good things is better than reading about it). Even as a babe in his mother's womb, Prahlada was blessed to hear discourses on dharma, righteousness and the import of good over evil. The next step is Kirtana. One does not have to be a trained musician to praise God. Mere chanting is also enough. The third step is smaranam or thinking of God as done by the Gopikas in Brindavan. They always greeted each other thus: 'Krishna, how are you? 'Krishna, do you want curd?'

Pada seva, the next step is best exemplified by none other than Goddess Mahalakshmi, who is always seated at Vishnu's feet. Archana or uttering God's many names is the next step in the right direction. Vandanam or prostrating at the feet of the Lord, like Akroora, gets a devotee a step closer to God. Dasyam is another step that one has to climb. This is nothing but staying in the service of God, as shown by Hanuman. One should also befriend God – Sakhyam is personified by Arjuna and Kuchela's relationship with Krishna. Lastly, atma nivedhanam, or offering oneself in total surrender, is the final step in realising God.

ASKUS

Bhavana Acharya

Q I want to invest ₹1 lakh for 5 years in a low-risk or no-risk mutual fund. Please guide me.
ARUN MOODI

A There are no zero-risk mutual funds (MFs). For low-risk MFs, the ideal options are debt funds from the short or very short-term duration categories. For a little higher return without too much risk, you can consider hybrid funds such as equity savings funds and conservatively managed balanced advantage funds. These funds will see higher volatility in the 1-1.5-year period, but this reduces if you hold beyond this period. They are also more tax-efficient than debt funds. You can go for a combination of these options or only debt funds. About three funds will be sufficient.

Q I want to know how I can start investing in cryptocurrency.
ANIL KUMAR JAIN

A Investment instruments generally follow the rule that when something is riskier, the potential reward (returns) is also higher. However, when it comes to cryptocurrency, especially in the current situation, this rule seems to be falling apart.
There are several high-magnitude risks associated with cryptos and it is hard to see potential returns commensurate with such risks. One, volatility risk – prices have dropped over 50% in the past year; they also oscillate wildly and unpredictably. Two, taxation risk, especially in India. Three, regulatory risk where one cannot chart the future of the legality of such currencies. Four, the high risk of fraud. With all these risks, investing in crypto seems inadvisable now. If you still insist, there are a handful of exchanges operating in India that would allow you to indulge your cravings.

Q I'm 21. I plan to invest in REITs as stocks and cryptocurrencies are correcting. Is this the right time?
SANJAY SHIVAKUMAR

A You can invest in REITs, as they are a good way to play the real estate space. However, for wealth creation, stocks (or equity MFs) are by far superior. Correcting markets are not bad. Market corrections are, in fact, the best time invest as it allows you to buy at cheaper levels. The key is to stay invested for the long term to let the market cycles to play out.

Q I am a gynaecologist (41) and a member of the Indian Medical Association which runs a pension scheme. I can deposit any amount monthly until age 60. The corpus will be kept as an FD at 7.5%. At 60, I can opt for a monthly pension or retain part of it as corpus. If I invest ₹20,000 a month till 60, would this give me better returns or an investment in a MF?
SUSHANTH Y.S.

A We are not aware of the finer details of the pension scheme, including how returns are generated, corpus managed, and taxation. This makes it hard to compare with other investment products. Second, there are a wide range of MFs, and returns would depend on which fund you went for, how aggressive the fund is, and so on. For example, if you invested in equity-oriented MFs, it is more than likely to generate better returns than the pension scheme (assuming the scheme invests only in debt-based instruments) over a nearly 20-year period. You can simply stick to index-based funds.
Third, the decision will also depend on your other investments. NPS is a good option to build up retirement corpus and may also be more tax-efficient than the pension scheme. To make the right decision, work out the extent of risk you are willing to take which will help you narrow down the funds to invest in. Understand where the pension scheme will invest and how returns will pan out. See how you can allocate among funds, scheme, and NPS. You can always do a combination of these; it does not have to be one or the other.
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Take your pick: When it comes to investing, your choice should be more about suitability, and return expectations. Gettyimages/istock

How to buy financial investment products

It is vital for you to understand that when you are investing your hard-earned money, it is not about what seems attractive to you. It is about what is good for you.

RIGHT CHOICE

Joydeep Sen

> While deciding on which mutual funds to invest in, Googling for the last 1-year or 5-year returns does not amount to an in-depth study

There are broadly two approaches to buying a product or service. One, your own taste or preference. Second, reviewing suitability, which may need professional advice.

The biggest mistake people make is with purchase investment products as in the first category. It is vital for you to understand that when you invest your hard-earned money, it is not about what seems attractive to you. It is about what is good for you.

Choosing MFs
If you understand what is good for you when it comes to investment products, that too is 'good' for you. However, here also you have to distinguish between whether you really understand the product, or you think you understand it. For example, before choosing a mutual fund to invest in, you Google for the last 1-year or 5-year returns; but this doesn't give you in-depth information. If you are choosing MF products on the basis of such returns, you are not aware of the fund strategy and what is likely to happen during your investment tenure.

This is where you need professional inputs.

Consider this: even for a small, one-time transport service, people look at so many aspects apart from expenses. If cost were the only factor, you would travel by public bus! The analogy is, when you take a decision, it is not just the end result that matters, but the journey as well.

If you want a reasonably good journey with good end result, you would choose equity products. If you want a smooth journey with some compromise on the end result, you would want debt products.

In case you prefer a roller coaster and do not care about the end result, then cryptocurrency is the instrument for you. When investing hard-earned money, it should be more about suitability, followed by return expectations.

When the equity market is in a bull run, it attracts investors; low inflation may prompt the RBI to reduce interest rates which makes debt funds look better.

A PMS provider may give returns higher than his peers in a particular time frame. These are immediate attractions that you have to consider and understand what suits you.

What should you consider before buying financial investment products?

(1) Suitability: any product, be it equity or debt or hybrid, has to be allocated in your portfolio, in a ratio that is appropriate for your investment objectives, your investment horizon, your appetite for digesting volatility, and the historical volatility of the investment asset. It is better to have a financial adviser for guidance.

(2) Return volatility: you have to account for historical or expected maximum downside on an extreme adverse market event.

(3) Risk profile: You have to gauge if you would lose sleep when your portfolio temporarily drops by 5% or by 25%.

(4) Investment horizon: history shows us that over an appropriate horizon, market cycles play out and interim volatility evens out. Your horizon should be adequately long to tide over such phases.

(5) Liquidity: Some investments are relatively more liquid, others require a longer holding period before you sell off.
(The writer is a corporate trainer and author)

Firm U.S. dollar saps gold, silver prices

B. Krishnakumar

Precious metals remained weak in October and closed lower for the seventh successive month. The sentiment was weighed down by a stronger dollar and elevated U.S. bond yields.

Comex gold closed 1.9% lower to close at $1,640.7 at the end of October. Comex silver, however, closed almost unchanged at $19.12.

In the domestic market, MCX gold closed marginally higher ₹50,322 per 10 gm while MCX silver gained 1.4% to ₹57,678 kg.

The short-term outlook for Comex gold is positive and the price could head to the $1,725-1,730 range. A move above $1,688 would strengthen the case for a rise to the target zone. A close below $1,620 would push the gold price to lower levels and invalidate the short-term positive outlook.

In the domestic market, MCX gold, too, reached the ₹51,500-52,000 target. In the short-term, the price of MCX gold is likely to head higher to the target zone of ₹52,200-53,000. A move above ₹51,300 would confirm this positive outlook while a fall below ₹49,800 would invalidate it.

To summarise, the short-term outlook for precious metals is positive in the short term. The medium-term outlook remains weak, and the downtrend is likely to resume on the completion of the anticipated short-term rise.

(The writer is a Chennai based analyst / trader. This is not meant to be trading or investment advice)

Personal Loans

Rates and Charges		Loan amount 5 lakh Tenure 1 year	Loan amount 1 lakh Tenure 1 year	Processing fee (% of loan amount)
Name of Lender	**Interest Rate (%)**	**EMI (Rs)**	**EMI (Rs)**	**Processing fee**
HDFC Bank	11.00 onwards	10,871 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to Rs 4,999
Citi Bank	10.50% onwards	10,747 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 3%
Tata Capital	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 2.75%
ICICI Bank	10.75 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 2.50%
Bank of Baroda	10.20 -17.55	10,673-12,575	2,135-2,515	Up to 2% (Min. Rs 1,000, Max. Rs. 10,000)
State Bank of India	10.55 -15.05	10,759-11,908	2,152-2,382	Up to 1.50% (Rs 1,000-Rs 15,000)
Axis Bank	10.49 onwards	10,744 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 2%
Kotak Mahindra Bank	10.99 onwards	10,869 onwards	2,174 onwards	Up to 3%
Bank of India	9.75-14.25	10,562-11,699	2,112-2,340	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 5,000)
Canara Bank	12.10-15.80	11,148-12,106	2,230-2,421	Up to 1%
Punjab National Bank	9.80-16.35	10,574-12,252	2,115-2,450	Up to 1%
HSBC Bank	9.25-15.50	10,440-12,027	2,088-2,405	Up to 2%
Federal Bank	10.49-17.99	10,744-12,694	2,149-2,539	Up to 3%
Union Bank of India	10.80-14.90	10,821-11,869	2,164-2,374	Up to 1% (Maximum Rs 7,500)
Bajaj Finserv	13.00 onwards	11,377 onwards	2,275 onwards	Upto 4%
Punjab & Sind Bank	10.55-12.15	10,759-11,160	2,152-2,232	Up to 1%
South Indian Bank	12.25-20.00	11,185-13,247	2,237-2,649	Up to 2%
UCO Bank	11.95-12.35	11,110-11,211	2,222-2,242	Up to 1%
IDFC First Bank	10.49 onwards	10,809 onwards	2,162 onwards	Up to 3.50%
Bank of Maharashtra	8.90-14.70	10,673-11,816	2,135-2,363	Up to 1%
Indian Overseas Bank*	11.90-12.90	11,097-11,351	2,219-2,270	Up to 0.75%
Karnataka Bank	13.18	11,423	2,285	Up to 0.25% (Minimum Rs 250)
IndusInd Bank	10.49 onwards	10,744 onwards	2,149 onwards	Up to 3%

**1.00% Special Interest Concession to Borrowers with CIC Score of 800 and above*

Car Loans

Rates and Charges		Loan amount 5 lakh	(% of loan amount)
Name of Lender	**Interest Rate (%)**	**EMI (Rs)**	**Processing fee**
Union Bank of India	8.40-10.20	10,234-10,673	Up to Rs. 1,000
Bank of Baroda	8.45-11.75	10,246-11,059	Up to 0.50% (Rs 2,500 - Rs 10,000)
Canara Bank	8.80-11.50	10,331-10,996	NIL till 31st December 2022
Bank of India	8.30-10.25	10,210-10,685	NIL
UCO Bank	8.80 - 10.05	10,331-10,636	1% (Upto Rs 1,500)
State Bank of India	8.30-9.10	10,210-10,403	NIL
IDBI Bank	8.75 - 11.10	10,319-10,896	Rs 2,500
Bank of Maharashtra*	8.70-12.20	10,307-11,173	NIL
Indian Overseas Bank**	9.45	10,489	NIL till 31st December 2022
ICICI Bank	8.25 onwards	10,198 onwards	Rs 5,500-Rs 8,500
HDFC Bank	8.35 onwards	10,222 onwards	Up to 0.50% (Rs 3,500-Rs 8,000)
Karnataka Bank	8.69-10.74	10,304-10,806	Up to 0.60% (Rs 2,500-Rs 11,000)
Federal Bank	10.40	10,722	Rs 2,000 - Rs 4,500
Axis Bank	8.40-13.05	10,234-11,389	Rs 3,500-Rs 5,500
South Indian Bank	11.05-12.50	10,884-11,249	1% (Max: Rs. 10,000)
City Union Bank	18.00-18.25	12,697-12,765	1% (Min: Rs 250)

**0.25% interest rate concession for existing housing loan borrowers and corporate salary account holders. 0.05% interest rate concession to women & armed forces personnel subject to minimum floor ceiling of RLLR.*
***0.50% interest rate concession to borrowers with credit scores of 800 and above. Interest rate concession of 0.20% to borrowers for financing Electric 4 Wheelers.*
·Rates and charges as on November 3 **Source: Paisabazaar.com**

More from wish list

COVERNOTE

Offering dematerialisation of insurance policies along with other services on the Bima Sugam platform and a companion app for the portal can make insurance more accessible and easier to buy

K. Nitya Kalyani

Here are more items from the wish list for a dream insurance cyber marketplace

Dematerialisation revolutionised securities investment in India. It will be so much easier to apply it to insurance as a product which is customer-specific and not tradeable. Under very specific conditions, it is transferable in a limited way, as in the case of a motor vehicle being sold.

The e-insurance accounts concept was introduced almost a decade ago by IRDAI, but it never caught on.

It is possible that multiple service points was one dampener. Offering dematerialisation of insurance policies along with all other services on one platform will just make this happen.

It was in the news recently that physical insurance policies were being insisted upon as proof even where e-insurance policies had been issued during the pandemic. Such anomalies will vanish when a regulator-backed Internet resource holds and authenticates policies for stakeholders or service providers who need them, and linked to the Digilocker to boot.

Explore auto-renewal
We all intend to renew our policies, but lose track. One way to bridge the gap is the auto-renewal option on the website that deducts an on-account payment on the due date. Technology is widely used for fixed deposits and e-subscriptions. Insurance renewal may be different, but not that much. Life and annuity policies require only a periodic instalment premium payment; most health and motor covers are renewed on exactly the same terms year after year. Rarely does anyone review and revise, much as that is desirable. Indian insurance law requires that premium be paid before the insurer is at risk and that isn't going to change in a hurry.

The facility of advance or deposit premium has been available for inland transit cover for goods, for example.

A premium deposit takes care of insurance of ongoing despatches and is adjusted against periodical or consignment-wise declarations of the nature of goods, quantity etc.

Need for app
To take insurance to the masses, a companion app for Bima Sugam is a basic requisite. People below a certain age don't transact anything except on smartphones and they are the most desirable target audience. The app can be an umbilical cord through which information, tips, notification for renewals etc. can constantly be drip-fed to the customer. Text or multimedia, or payment mechanism, it is all there in a compact gadget that awaits the ultimate insurance app!

(The writer is a business journalist specialising in insurance & corporate history)

KAFR JALES

Three children among 10 killed in rocket strike by Syrian regime

A rocket fire by the Syrian regime on Sunday killed ten persons including three children at makeshift camps for displaced people in the country's last major rebel-held bastion. Another 77 people were wounded when more than 30 rockets exploded in several areas, including the camps, west of the city of Idlib northwest Syria. AP

BEIJING

Marathon returns after a two-year hiatus with COVID-19 rules in force

About 30,000 runners, some wearing face masks, took part in the first Beijing Marathon since 2019 after COVID cancelled previous races. The event happened on Sunday as China continues to adhere to a strict zero-COVID policy, with harsh lockdowns and testing regimens imposed after even the smallest outbreaks. GETTY IMAGES

NAIROBI

Kenya Airways pilots extend strike despite disciplinary action threats

Kenya Airways pilots on Sunday extended their strike demanding the reinstatement of contribution to a provident fund and payment of salaries stopped during COVID-19, as the carrier's deadline for disciplinary action lapsed. The strike has thrown over 9,000 passengers' plans into disarray. REUTERS

CATANIA

Italy stops 35 migrants from getting off rescue ship in port

Italian authorities prevented 35 migrants they did not deem vulnerable from getting off a humanitarian rescue ship in Sicily on Sunday as Italy's new far-right government takes a hard line against charity maritime rescue ships operating in Italian waters. The procedure was part of directives by the new Interior Minister. AFP

COP-27 puts climate compensation on agenda for first time

'This won't guarantee compensation or necessarily acknowledge liability, but is intended to lead to a conclusive decision no later than 2024'

Reuters
SHARM EL-SHEIKH

Future proofing: Delegates attending the opening ceremony of the COP-27 meeting in Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt on Sunday. AFP

Delegates at the COP-27 climate summit in Egypt agreed after late-night talks to put the delicate issue of whether rich nations should compensate poor countries most vulnerable to climate change on the formal agenda for the first time.

For more than a decade, wealthy nations have rejected official discussions on what is referred to as loss and damage, or funds they provide to help poor countries cope with the consequences of global warming.

COP-27 President Sameh Shoukry told the plenary that opens this year's two-week United Nations conference attended by more than 190 countries the decision created "an institutionally stable space" for discussion of "the pressing issue of funding arrangements".

At COP-26 last year in Glasgow, high-income nations blocked a proposal for a loss and damage financing body, instead supporting a three-year dialogue for funding discussions.

No guarantee

The loss and damage discussions now on the COP-27 agenda will not guarantee compensation or necessarily acknowledge liability, but are intended to lead to a conclusive decision "no later than 2024", Mr. Shoukry said.

The issue could generate even more tension than at previous conferences this year as the Ukraine war, a surge in energy prices and the risk of economic recession have at once added to governments' reluctance to promise funds and poor nations' need for them.

Negotiations on Saturday night before the agenda's adoption "were extremely challenging," Harjeet Singh, head of global political strategy at the non-profit Climate Action Network International, said. "Rich countries in the first place never wanted loss and damage to be on the agenda."

Some criticised the dismissive language on liability, but although weaker than hoped, getting the issue formally on the agenda will oblige wealthier nations to engage on the topic.

"They rightly expect more solidarity from the rich countries, and Germany is ready for this, both in climate financing and in dealing with damage and losses," German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said in a statement.

Protective shield

Germany wants to launch a "protective shield against climate risks" at the conference, an initiative it has been working on with vulnerable states such as Bangladesh and Ghana.

Bangladeshi-based environmental research body, the International Centre for Climate Change and Development said it was "good news" loss and damage was officially on the agenda.

"Now the real work begins to make finance a reality," Salmeel Huq, director of the centre, said.

19 killed as plane crashes into Tanzania lake

Agence France-Presse
LAKE VICTORIA

Nineteen persons died in a plane crash in Lake Victoria in Tanzania on Sunday, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said, after the Precision Air flight with dozens of passengers aboard plunged into water while approaching the northwestern city of Bukoba in the country.

"All Tanzanians are with you in mourning the 19 people who lost lives during this accident," Mr. Majaliwa told a crowd after arriving at Bukoba airport, where the flight had been scheduled to land from financial capital Dar es Salaam.

Regional authorities and the airline earlier said that 26 survivors out of the 43 people on board flight PW 494 had been pulled to safety and taken to hospital in the lakeside city in Kagera region.

Collective effort: Rescuers trying to recover the passenger plane that crashed into Lake Victoria in Tanzania on Sunday. REUTERS

But Precision Air, a publicly-listed company which is Tanzania's largest private carrier, said in a statement that 24 people had survived the accident, with an airline official telling AFP that the other two hospitalised patients were not aboard the plane to begin with.

"There are two people who were injured during rescue efforts who have been counted as survivors but they were not passengers," the official said on condition of anonymity.

The airline said it had dispatched rescuers and investigators to the scene and expressed its "deepest sympathies" over the accident, which occurred at around 8.53 a.m. (1123 IMT) on Sunday.

Infant on board

The company said the aircraft was an ATR 42-500, manufactured by Toulouse-based Franco-Italian firm ATR, and had 39 passengers - including an infant - and four crew members on board.

Video footage broadcast on local media showed the plane largely submerged as rescuers, including fishermen, waded through water to bring people to safety.

Emergency workers attempted to lift the aircraft out of the water using ropes, assisted by cranes as residents also sought to help.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan expressed her condolences to those affected by the accident, saying: "We pray to god to help us."

The disaster ranks among the deadliest plane crashes in the East African nation's history.

The accident comes five years after 11 persons died when a plane belonging to safari company Coastal Aviation crashed in northern Tanzania.

Singer-rapper Aaron Carter dies at age 34 in California

Associated Press
LOS ANGELES

Aaron Carter, the singer-rapper who began performing as a child and had hit albums starting in his teen years, was found dead on Saturday at his home in Southern California. He was 34.

Carter, the younger brother of Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys, performed as an opening act for Britney Spears as well as his brother's boy band, and recorded several hits including *"Aaron's Party (Come Get It)"* and *"I Want Candy."*

Officials found Carter in the bathtub at his home and resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

Air strikes cut off electricity, water supply in Ukraine's occupied city of Kherson

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Ukraine's Russian-occupied city of Kherson was cut off from water and electricity supplies on Sunday after an air strike and a key dam in the region was also damaged, local officials said.

It is the first time that Kherson - which fell to Moscow's forces within days of their offensive - has seen such a power cut.

"In Kherson and a number of other areas in the region, there is temporarily no electricity or water supply," the city's Moscow-installed administration said on Telegram.

Russian officials said Kakhovka dam in Kherson was 'damaged' by Ukrainian strike

It said it was a "result of an attack organised by the Ukrainian side on the Berislav-Kakhovka highway that saw three concrete poles of high-voltage power lines damaged".

News of the outage followed reports that the Kakhovka dam in the Russian-controlled region of Kherson was "damaged" by a Ukrainian strike.

"Today at 10:00 (0330 IMT) there was a hit of six HIMARS rockets. Air defence units shot down five missiles, one hit a lock of the Kakhovka dam, which was damaged," Russian news agencies quoted local emergency services as saying.

A local Moscow-backed official said the damage was not "critical".

Ukraine in recent weeks warned that Moscow's forces intended to blow up the strategic facility to cause flooding.

The Kakhovka hydroelectric dam in southern Ukraine was captured by Moscow's forces at the start of their offensive. It supplies Russian-annexed Crimea with water.

Imran Khan's march will resume from spot of attack

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

Imran Khan on Sunday announced that his party will resume the march to Islamabad from the same spot where he survived an assassination attempt but sustained bullet injuries during a rally in Punjab province, saying he prefers "death instead of living the life of a slave".

"We have decided that our march will resume on Tuesday from the same [point] in Wazirabad where I and 11 others were shot," Mr. Khan said.

The PTI chief and former premier said that once the march reaches Rawalpindi, he would then join it and lead it himself.

Sport

Arsenal pips Chelsea in London derby; Salah stars for Liverpool

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Arsenal beat Chelsea 1-0 to dispel doubts over its Premier League title credentials and go top of the table on Sunday as Manchester United was blown away 1-3 by an inspired Aston Villa on Unai Emery's bow as boss.

United is now three points off the top four after Newcastle continued its fine form with a 4-1 win at Southampton to go third.

Mohamed Salah scored twice as Liverpool beat Tottenham 2-1 and returned to winning ways after two straight losses.

Goalmouth scramble: Gabriel, third from right, bundles in Arsenal's winner off a corner against Chelsea. AFP

In Bundesliga, Union Berlin failed to reclaim its top spot after a 0-5 thrashing by Bayer Leverkusen.

Gerard Pique bowed out at Camp Nou on an emotional night as Barcelona beat Almeria 2-0 to move top of LaLiga, despite missing several clear chances on Saturday.

The results: Premier League: Chelsea 0 lost to Arsenal 1 (Gabriel 63); Aston Villa 3 (Bailey 7, Digne 11, Ramsey 49) bt Manchester United 1 (Ramsey 45-og); Southampton 1 (Perraud 89) lost to Newcastle 4 (Almiron 35, Wood 58, Willock 62, Guimaraes 90+1); West Ham 1 (Benrahma 20) lost to Crystal Palace 2 (Zaha 41, Olise 90+4); Tottenham 1 (Kane 70) lost to Liverpool 2 (Salah 11 & 40).

LaLiga: Atletico Madrid 1 (Felix 78) drew with Espanyol 1 (Darder 62).

Bundesliga: Union Berlin 0 lost to Bayer Leverkusen 5 (Andrich 46, Diaby 56 & 58, Hlozek 68, Bakker 76)

On Saturday: Premier League: Everton 0 lost to Leicester 2 (Tielemans 45, Barnes 86).

LaLiga: Barcelona 2 (Dembele 48, De Jong 62) bt Almeria 0.

Serie A: Atalanta 1 (Lookman 19-pen) lost to Napoli 2 (Osimhen 23, Elmas 35); AC Milan 2 (Hernandez 21, Giroud 89) bt Spezia 1 (Maldini 59).

McHugh saves ATK MB the blushes

Sports Bureau

Mumbai City FC and ATK Mohun Bagan were involved in a high-octane clash that ended in a 2-2 draw in the Indian Super League in Mumbai on Sunday.

Lallianzuala Chhangte's screamer in the fourth minute was nullified by Joni Kauko's shot which was deflected into his own net by Mehtab Singh in the 47th minute. Rostyn Griffiths put Mumbai City in front in the 72nd minute before Carl McHugh scored four minutes after coming on in the 89th minute.

Both sides were unchanged and it was the Islanders who started on the front foot. Chhangte put the hosts in front after just four minutes, cutting in from the left flank and unleashing a ferocious shot.

Going all out: It was an intense battle between Mumbai City and ATK MB before the teams shared the honours. EMMANUAL YOGINI

The Mariners levelled early on in the second half. Rahul Bheke intercepted Boumous' cross, but it fell to Manvir, who squared it to Joni Kauko. The Finnish midfielder's strike went in off a Mehtab deflection.

Ahmed Jahouh crossed the ball from the left before Griffiths' header deflected off the crossbar and hung above goal. Griffiths beat Kaith to the ball and nodded home in the 72nd.

The Mariners restored parity in the 89th when Dimitri Petratos' cross off a free kick was headed home by substitute McHugh.

The result: Mumbai City FC 2 (Chhangte 4, Griffiths 72) drew with ATK Mohun Bagan 2 (Mehtab 47-og, McHugh 89).

India loses to Turkey, finishes 14th

Sports Bureau

Host Turkey beat India 3-0 in the match for the 13th place in the junior Davis Cup under-16 World Group tennis tournament in Antalya on Sunday.

India's only win in six matches came against Mexico.

The results (13th place): **Turkey bt India 3-0** (Kerem Yilmaz bt Kriish Tyagi 6-4, 6-7(0), [10-4]; Atakan Karahan bt Rushil Khosla 6-0, 3-2 (retired); Emirhan Bulut & Atakan Karahan bt Vansh Nandal & Kriish Tyagi 6-2, 6-4).

Final placings: 1. Brazil, 2. USA, 3. Italy, 4. France, 5. Australia, 6. Czech Republic, 7. Japan, 8. Spain, 9. Argentina, 10. Paraguay, 11, Britain, 12. Morocco, 13. Turkey, 14. India, 15. Egypt, 16. Mexico.

MAKING THE GRADE

Afridi's heroics help Pakistan storm into the semifinals

Shaheen Afridi helped Pakistan enter the semifinals with a five-wicket win over Bangladesh in Adelaide on Sunday. **The scores:** Bangladesh 127/8 in 20 overs (Najmul Shanto 54; Shaheen Afridi 4/22) lost to Pakistan 128/5 in 18.1 overs (Mohd. Rizwan 32, Mohd. Haris 31). **MoM:** Afridi.

SWING FACTOR

Some of Surya's lap-sweeps were terrific, says Ashwin

R. Ashwin was effusive in his praise of Suryakumar Yadav after the Zimbabwe game. "He is free-spirited, he isn't any spring-chicken even if he is relatively new to international cricket. As a bowler, we always want runs to defend and he provides that. Some of his lap-sweeps were terrific."

IN HOT WATER

Lanka's Gunathilaka arrested for alleged sexual assault

Sri Lanka cricketer Danushka Gunathilaka, who was with the team for the T20 World Cup, was arrested in Sydney on charges of sexual assault of a woman on Sunday, prompting the Lankan government to order an "immediate investigation" into the incident.

TENNIS

Rune masters Djokovic in Paris summit clash

Danish teenager Holger Rune shocked six-time champion Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Masters title in Paris on Sunday, coming from a set down to win 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. Rune, 19, became the youngest winner of the Paris tournament since Boris Becker in 1986.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Narender to the fore again as Thalaivas climb to third

Tamil Thalaivas registered a thrilling 35-34 victory over Puneri Paltan in a Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 match in Pune on Sunday. The win helped Thalaivas climb to third. Narender (13 points) was the star raider for Thalaivas. Earlier, Gujarat Giants pipped Bengaluru Bulls 46-44.

Surya's brilliance shines through as India hands Zimbabwe a thrashing

Bowlers strike after batters set imposing target; Men in Blue top group and will take on England in the semifinals at Adelaide on Nov. 10

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

Seagulls constantly flew from the roof as a packed venue kept erupting with boisterous cheers. The birds missed their sleep while 82,507 fans enjoyed a raucous Sunday night at the Melbourne Cricket Ground as the Men in Blue kept their tryst with the semifinals.

After Suryakumar Yadav's frenzied 25-ball unbeaten 61 set India on a strong pedestal, the bowlers got to work and Zimbabwe wilted. The ICC Twenty20 World Cup Super 12 Group 2 match had seemingly tilted India's way once Rohit Sharma's men posted 186 for five.

Audacious! Suryakumar picked his spots over square-leg and fine-leg for two sixes in the final over. AFP

No surprises

And there were no surprises in the second-part as Zimbabwe was bowled out for 115 in 17.2 overs. India's 71-run triumph paved its way towards Thursday's semifinal against England at Adelaide.

Just as the crowd was settling back after dinner, Wesley Madhevere drove lazily to a waiting Virat Kohli at short-cover and Bhuvneshwar Kumar had struck with his first ball. It got worse for Zimbabwe when Arshdeep Singh castled Regis Chakabva.

There was a tiny lull as skipper Craig Ervine and Sean Williams were at the crease but once they retreated, popping up catches, and Tony Munyonga fell to Mohammed Shami, the rival was down for the count at 36 for five.

Sikandar Raza picked R. Ashwin (three for 22) for a couple of strikes and Ryan Burl targetted Axar Patel but these were dying embers as India stayed the course.

Earlier, the Indian fans trooped in in their blue jerseys. A live-band belted out A.R. Rahman's '*Dil se re*' and the excitement quadrupled once Rohit elected to bat. The skipper and his deputy K.L. Rahul remained watchful before freeing their arms. The former drove and slashed while the latter flicked a six off seamer Richard Ngarava.

Against the run of play, Rohit fell on the pull while speedster Blessing Muzarabani exulted. Kohli walked in and quickly picked a four. Back to his eager-beaver routine, Kohli muscled a whipped on-drive off spinner Wellington Masakadza. Rahul and Kohli added 60 for the second wicket before the latter holed out in the deep.

This pattern of dismissal shadowed Rahul and Rishabh Pant too, the last-named having replaced Dinesh Karthik in the playing eleven. Rahul (51) after etching his fifty with a six off Raza, attempted an encore and perished. Pant, meanwhile, failed to clear the on-side with Burl pulling off a diving catch.

At 101 for four in 13.3 overs, India needed Suryakumar and Hardik Pandya to stay firm. The initial runs were slow as Ervine swapped his seamers and spinners. But once Suryakumar struck Muzarabani for consecutive fours and Hardik glanced one past square-leg, India gained heft at the death.

Ngarava was slashed and hoisted and when Tendai Chatara steamed in, Suryakumar scooped and lofted.

Eventful final over

Even as Hardik departed in the last over after the duo had added 65 for the fifth wicket, Suryakumar picked his spots over square-leg and fine-leg for two sixes that reiterated his audacity. And India finished with a score well beyond Zimbabwe's reach.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

K.L. Rahul c Masakadza b Raza 51 *(35b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Rohit Sharma c Masakadza b Muzarabani 15 *(13b, 2x4)*, Virat Kohli c Burl b Williams 26 *(25b, 2x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav (not out) 61 *(25b, 6x4, 4x6)*, Rishabh Pant c Burl b Williams 3 *(5b)*, Hardik Pandya c Muzarabani b Ngarava 18 *(18b, 2x4)*, Axar Patel (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (lb-5, nb-1, w-6): 12; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 186.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-27 (Rohit, 3.5 overs), 2-87 (Kohli, 11.5), 3-95 (Rahul, 12.2), 4-101 (Pant, 13.3), 5-166 (Hardik, 19.2).

ZIMBABWE BOWLING

Ngarava 4-1-44-1, Chatara 4-0-34-0, Muzarabani 4-0-50-1, Masakadza 2-0-12-0, Burl 1-0-14-0, Raza 3-0-18-1, Williams 2-0-9-2.

ZIMBABWE

Wessly Madhevere c Kohli b Bhuvneshwar 0 *(1b)*, Craig Ervine c & b Hardik 13 *(15b, 2x4)*, Regis Chakabva b Arshdeep 0 *(6b)*, Sean Williams c Bhuvneshwar b Shami 11 *(18b, 1x6)*, Sikandar Raza c Suryakumar b Hardik 34 *(24b, 3x4)*, Tony Munyonga lbw b Shami 5 *(4b, 1x4)*, Ryan Burl b Ashwin 35 *(22b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Wellington Masakadza c Rohit b Ashwin 1 *(7b)*, Richard Ngarava b Ashwin 1 *(2b)*, Tendai Chatara c & b Axar 4 *(4b, 1x4)*, Blessing Muzarabani (not out) 0 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-3, nb-1, w-7): 11; Total (in 17.2 overs): 115.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-0 (Madhevere, 0.1), 2-2 (Chakabva, 1.4), 3-28 (Williams, 5.6), 4-31 (Ervine, 6.4), 5-36 (Munyonga, 7.3), 6-96 (Burl, 13.2), 7-104 (Masakadza, 15.1), 8-106 (Ngarava, 15.5), 9-111 (Raza, 16.4).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 3-1-11-1, Arshdeep 2-0-9-1, Shami 2-0-14-2, Hardik 3-0-16-2, Ashwin 4-0-22-3, Axar 3.2-0-40-1.

Toss: India; **MoM:** Suryakumar. *India won by 71 runs.*

India's next match: Semifinal: Nov. 10: vs England, Adelaide, 1.30 p.m. IST.

Dravid hopes Surya's form continues

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MELBOURNE

A tournament campaign involves ticking many boxes and as India moved into the ICC Twenty20 World Cup semifinal, coach Rahul Dravid felt that his unit has done well and said: "Hopefully we have got a couple of more good days in us."

Speaking to the media after India prevailed over Zimbabwe, the batting legend praised Suryakumar Yadav's astounding innings: "It was incredible. That's why he is the No. 1 T20 player in the world. It's not easy to be consistent with the kind of strike rate he's going at. It is just fantastic the way he is playing and long may it continue."

Pant was in the loop

The coach also felt that Rishabh Pant was ready for the contest: "It is not that we ever lost confidence in Rishabh. He has been batting a lot in the nets, doing a lot of keeping practice and today we got an opportunity to play him in this game."

Dravid also defended spinner Axar Patel: "This format is such that you can get taken apart, especially today when they lost a lot of wickets, nothing to lose and they could go after (the spinners). He bowled well in a couple of games."

Deliberate

Batting first was a conscious option as it gave an opportunity for the batters to play through the 20 overs, he said.

As for the semifinal against England, he said: "I can't sit here and predict what is going to happen there. We will have a look at that wicket and think what it might do."

Prior to Dravid's press-conference, Zimbabwe skipper Craig Ervine said his bowlers did well in the first 15 overs before Suryakumar flourished: "He was exceptional. He is such a 360 degree player and difficult to bowl to."

Netherlands springs surprise of the tournament, sends Proteas packing

Reason to smile: The Dutch are delighted at having pulled off their biggest ever win. AFP

Shayan Acharya
ADELAIDE

This edition of the T20 World Cup has seen quite a few surprises over the last couple of weeks, but on Sunday the Netherlands pulled off one of the biggest upsets by beating South Africa by 13 runs and knocking it out.

Temba Bavuma's decision to bowl backfired as the Dutch openers Stephan Myburgh and Max O'Dowd featured in a 58-run partnership.

The Netherlands posted 158 for four before its bowlers held South Africa to 145 for eight.

Tom Cooper continued the openers' good work, then Keshav Maharaj struck, removing O'Dowd and Cooper.

Just when it looked like South Africa was back in the game, came Colin Ackermann's whirlwind innings. He slammed three fours and two sixes and added 31 runs with skipper Scott Edwards.

The Netherlands bowlers started with zeal claiming two wickets within the PowerPlay. Rilee Rossouw tried to regroup before falling to Brandon Glover. Needing 74 runs off 48 deliveries, Aiden Markram fell trying to accelerate.

Belied hopes

Hopes were pinned on David Miller, who returned to the team after missing the last game, but he managed only a run-a-ball 17.

South Africa needed 26 runs off the final over. Bas de Leede bowled a couple of extras before dismissing Keshav Maharaj and eventually earning a 13-run win.

This was the Netherlands' first win against South Africa across all formats.

The scores: Netherlands 158/4 in 20 overs (Stephan Myburgh 37, Max O'Dowd 29, Tom Cooper 35, Colin Ackermann 41 n.o.; Keshav Maharaj 2/27) bt South Africa 145/8 in 20 overs (Rilee Rossouw 25; Fred Klaassen 2/20, Brandon Glover 3/9, Bas de Leede 2/25). **MoM:** Ackermann.

Final points table

GROUP 1	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand (Q)	5	3	1	1	7	2.113
England (Q)	5	3	1	1	7	0.473
Australia	5	3	1	1	7	-0.173
Sri Lanka	5	2	3	0	4	-0.422
Ireland	5	1	3	1	3	-1.615
Afghanistan	5	0	3	2	2	-0.571

GROUP 2	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
India (Q)	5	4	1	0	8	1.319
Pakistan (Q)	5	3	2	0	6	1.028
South Africa	5	2	2	1	5	0.874
Netherlands	5	2	3	0	4	-0.849
Bangladesh	5	2	3	0	4	-1.176
Zimbabwe	5	1	3	1	3	-1.138

Q: Qualified

SEMIFINALS

- **Nov. 9:** New Zealand vs. Pakistan, Sydney, 1.30 p.m. IST
- **Nov. 10:** India vs. England, Adelaide, 1.30 p.m. IST

Pathak stands firm, India stuns Spain

Sports Bureau

Goalkeeper Krishnan Pathak's heroics helped India pull off a 3-1 win, via shootout, over Spain in the FIH Hockey Pro League in Bhubaneswar on Sunday. The teams were deadlocked 2-2 in regulation time.

Pathak produced three saves in the shootout, denying Joaquin Menini, Rafael Vilallonga and Marc Miralles. Gerard Clapes was the only Spaniard to score. Skipper Harmanpreet Singh, Raj Kumar Pal and Abhishek were on target for the hosts.

Earlier, the Indian captain sounded the boards in the 11th minute, flicking the ball home. Harmanpreet made it 2-0 in the 31st off a penalty corner.

Spain came into its own in the second half, making numerous forays and earning several penalty corners. Eventually, Miralles found the breakthrough in the 42nd minute before Pere Amat levelled it with a fortuitous goal – the ball went in off Jugraj Singh's foot – in the 54th. Pathak then stepped in.

The result: India 2 (Harmanpreet 11 & 31) drew with Spain 2 (Miralles 42, Amat 54). India won 3-1 via shootout.

The propeller: Harmanpreet, right, was in the thick of it for India.

INBRIEF

Bagnaia clinches MotoGP world title in great comeback

Francesco Bagnaia claimed the MotoGP world crown in the season-ending Valencia Grand Prix on Sunday in Valencia to pull off the greatest title turnaround in the championship's history. The Ducati rider, who trailed outgoing champion Fabio Quartararo by 91 points mid-season, completed his astonishing comeback with ninth place behind race winner Alex Rins.

Syed Haider, stalwart of Railways cricket, passes away

Syed Haider Ali, a domestic cricket stalwart, passed away in Prayagraj on Saturday. He was 79. Haider, a left-arm spinner, made his First Class debut for Railways in the 1963-64 season and went on to play for the side for close to 25 years. He finished with 366 wickets in 113 First Class games, taking three 10-wicket hauls and 25 five-wicket hauls at an impressive average of 19.71. Haider also scored 3,125 runs, including three centuries and 10 half-centuries in 158 innings.

Pranav defeats Raunak to take the honours

Grandmaster V. Pranav won the online Challengers Chess Tour, defeating compatriot Grandmaster Raunak Sadhwani 3-0 in the blitz knockout final on chess24.com. The title-win also fetched the 16-year-old a place in the next season's Meltwater Champions Chess Tour, where he'll face the world's best, including World Champion Magnus Carlsen. Also, this win qualifies Pranav for a match against fellow GM R. Praggnanandhaa for the Julius Baer Challenger Championship scheduled in Tel Aviv, Israel in December.

Srikanth, Jolly-Gayatri pair exit in semifinals

K. Srikanth and women's doubles pair of Tressa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand lost in the semifinals to end India's challenge at the Hylo Open Super 300 tournament in Saarbrucken, Germany on Saturday. Srikanth went down to World No. 6 Anthony Ginting of Indonesia 18-21, 15-21, while Tressa and Gayatri lost to eighth-seeded Thai sisters Benyapa Aimsaard and Nuntakarn Aimsaard 21-17, 14-21, 18-21.

Ledecky sets 1,500m freestyle World record at Indianapolis

Katie Ledecky swam to a World record 7:57.42s in the 1,500m freestyle at the Indianapolis World Cup on Saturday. The previous record of 7:59.34 by Spain's Mireia Belmonte had stood since 2013. The World record is the 17th by Ledecky since 2013.

Sathiyan-Manika pair loses final of WTT Contender

The Indian mixed doubles pair of G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra lost to Korea's Lim Jong-hoon and Shin Yubin 7-11, 7-11, 5-11 in the final of the World Table Tennis Contender Nova Gorica (Slovenia) on Saturday.

LIVE TELECAST

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 1.30 a.m. (Tuesday)

Pramod Bhagat and Manisha bag singles gold

The former unlucky in the men's doubles final as he and Manoj lose to Indonesia's Hikmat Ramdani and Ukun Rukaendi; Sukant Kadam clinches bronze in the men's SL4 category

PARA BADMINTON

Sports Bureau

Pramod Bhagat retained the gold in the BWF Para Badminton World Championships in Tokyo defeating compatriot Nitesh Kumar 21-19, 21-19 in the SL3 category final on Sunday.

Also winning gold was Manisha Ramadass, who beat Mamiko Toyoda of Japan 21-15, 21-15 in the women's SU5 category.

"This win is huge for me as I have been working very hard," said Pramod, who also won the men's doubles silver, partnering Manoj Sarkar, to take his tally of World championships medals to 11.

In the men's doubles final, Pramod and Manoj lost to Indonesia's Hikmat Ramdani and Ukun Rukaendi 21-14, 18-21, 13-21.

Pramod has played in seven Worlds so far and won six gold, two silver and three bronze medals and reached the finals in all editions except 2007 and 2017.

"I am very happy with my performance in singles, in doubles we could have done better. This win tells me that I am moving in the right direction," Pramod said.

Another Indian Sukant Kadam won bronze in the men's SL4 category.

Joyful moments: The Indian contingent that had a fruitful campaign in the Para Badminton World Championships in Tokyo. TWITTER@MEDIA_SAI

Hussamuddin joins Lovlina in medal round

ASIAN BOXING

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Two-time Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Mohammad Hussamuddin progressed to the semifinals as India's medal count continued to swell at the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan on Sunday.

Hussamuddin will face Serik Temirzha in his semifinals bout on November 10.

Lovlina, who was contesting in the 75kg weight category for the first time at an international tournament, had to work hard to earn a 3-2 split decision victory against the 2016 world champion Khalzova.

The results: Quarterfinals:
Men: 57kg: Mohammad Hussamuddin bt Haengseok Lee (Kor) 5-0; **54kg:** Seidekmatov Sanzhai (Kyr) bt Ananta Chopade 4-0.
Women: 56kg: Anikushita Boro bt Tsubata Arsia (Jpn); **70kg:** Dariga Shakimova (Kaz) bt Pooja 5-0; **75kg:** Lovlina Borgohain bt Valentina Khalzova (Kaz) 3-2.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Gopal Hosur elected KSA President

Gopal Hosur was elected President of the Karnataka Swimming Association at the Annual General Body Meeting held here.

The office-bearers: Hony. Chairman: T.D. Vijayaraghavan.
President: Gopal Hosur.
Vice-Presidents: Rakshit Jagadale, Arun Advani, Sunil Kumar.
Associate Vice-Presidents: Sandeep Patil, M.N. Anuchet, S.R. Sindia.
Hony. Secretary: M. Satish Kumar.
Treasurer: Trivikram Nikam.
Joint Secretaries: B. Ramya, S. Sundaresh.
Associate Joint Secretary: Ketan Vyas, M.P. Nabhiraj.
EC Members (Headquarters): Malavika Gubbi, Gaurav Sindia;
EC Member (other districts): Sudhir Kusane, Prathima Hegde;
Life Member Representative: Gopal Rao.

Nishanth is champion in open category

Nishanth Kulkarni won the open category of the BGC Governor's Cup golf tournament here.
The results (winners):
Open: Nishanth Kulkarni; **0-9 handicap:** Abhinav Baskar; **10-18 handicap:** Kiran Murthy; **19-24 handicap:** B.P. Sharath. **Ladies:** Saanvi Somu. **0-16 handicap:** Kaashvi Dilip; **17-24 handicap:** Jayashree Anandu.

Haveri hits six past Leo's

Haveri SC blanked Leo's SC 6-0 in the KSHA 'C' Division hockey league championship here.
The results: Samant SA 4 (Alexander 3, Ayanna 18, B.S. Vinay 24, B. Monoj 34) bt Joyce HC 1 (Sreeraj 30).
New Ashoka HC 4 (Luke Britto 9, 30, P. Mahendran 34, Arjun 39) bt Bijapur HC 0; Haveri SC 6 (Varun 7 & 13, L. Kumar 16, 38, 45, Abhishek 27) bt Leo's SC 0.

Nihal stuns Anish, to meet Wesley So in final

CHESS

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

An irrepressible Nihal Sarin produced another come-from-behind triumph to nail fancied Dutch Anish Giri 5-4 for a place in the title-clash of the $500,000 *Chess.com* Global Championship Finals on Saturday.

The talent from Thrissur won the Armageddon game with white pieces after the eight rapid games left the players locked at 4-4.

He will take on USA's Wesley So who carved out a 5-3 victory over compatriot Hikaru Nakamura after six successive draws.

The losing semi finalists will receive $50,000 each while the finalists will battle it out for the top prize of $200,000.

The runner-up will get $100,000.

On Saturday, when the contest resumed at 2-2, Anish won the fifth game to surge ahead.

For the second time in the match, Nihal immediately drew level to make it 3-3.

The following two games ended as draws.

In the decisive Armageddon game, the battle was evenly fought till Nihal's 99th move. At this stage, Anish's response gave Nihal a chance to seize and the youngster did not miss it.

Nihal proceeded accurately in an ending involving a rook each and pawns. Sensing that he had reached a point of no return, Anish resigned on the 104th move when he realised the only way to stop Nihal's lone pawn from queening was by sacrificing his rook.

Nihal.

Bayern confirms Davies can play in Qatar World Cup

Agence France-Presse
BERLIN

Bayern Munich and Canada wing-back Alphonso Davies will miss just two matches with an injured thigh, meaning he is free to take part in the upcoming Qatar World Cup.

Davies limped off in the second-half of Bayern's 3-2 win away at Hertha Berlin on Saturday, giving rise to fears he may miss the World Cup.

In a statement released on Sunday, Bayern confirmed the injury was not serious enough to jeopardise his World Cup tilt.

Garcia takes last semifinal spot

Roaring back: Garcia lost the first set before outlasting Kasatkina in three sets. AFP

WTA FINALS

Associated Press
FORT WORTH (USA)

Caroline Garcia claimed the last opening in the season-ending WTA Finals with a thrilling 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (5) victory over Daria Kasatkina on Saturday.

In the other match, top-ranked Iga Swiatek beat 18-year-old American Coco Gauff 6-3, 6-0.

The sixth-ranked Frenchwoman became the first in 30 matches this season to beat Kasatkina after losing the first set to the No. 8 player.

A third set that included a nine-deuce game with Kasatkina finally holding serve for a 5-4 lead ended in the tiebreaker when a scrambling Kasatkina put a volley into the net on Garcia's second match point.